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Holocaust remembered

Holocaust survivors David Monk (left) and Mordechai Fuchs prepare to lay a wreath at the memorial ceremony at Yad Vashem yesterday. Reports, Page 3.

COMMENT

Tragedies beyond number

Numbers don't mean much when it comes to tragedies, be they on the scale of the Holocaust or mere national plagues like traffic fatalities. Six million? How much more grief and horror can we muster up for six million than we can for five million, or four?

How many were killed on our roads last year? How many children orphaned? How many people crippled? Numbers numb. They mean nothing, because at a certain point the senses shut down, just as the body goes into shock when the pain gets too great.

The only way to regain feeling, even for just a moment, is to focus on individual accidents, like that of my friend Shmuel Grunfeld, who was buried yesterday. He was friving his wife and children from Efrat to Jerusalem on Sunday norning, when a truck veered out of control and came straight at

His wife, who underwent surgery for a broken spine on Sunday night, is fighting for her life; two children are with her in the hospital - one with a broken pelvis, who needs surgery, and another with a broken jaw and an injured foot.

His son, the 12-year-old who recited kaddish for his father in a remarkably steady voice yesterday, came out with "light" injuries. Two other young children are at home, failing to comprehend why their parents still haven't come back from

Jerusalem. Shmuel, who immigrated from the US, was an extremist, in the positive sense of the word. A rabbi who taught in the Shvut Yisrael hesder yeshiva, combining Torah study and army service, he was known for his fanatic devotion to

his students. "When we were in the army, he

called our homes every week to able to instantly locate the source see how we were and to ask if we needed anything," said Yossi, 21, from Tel Aviv. "When students were stationed at Har Gilo, he'd bring them pizza and soft drinks. He had as many as eight guys over for dinner at a time ... He wouldn't think twice about lending his car

totally." He was equally uncompromis-ing when it came to his pursuit of excellence in Torah scholarship. "He was already in the study hall at 6:20 a.m. when people gathered for the early morning daf

out to students. He gave of himself

vomi Talmud lesson, and he was there as late as 10 p.m.," said Rafi Roness, a colleague at the yeshiva.

I knew Shmuel from the years before he began teaching in Efrat. We studied Talmud together, or rather he taught me, and I once

needed his help in footnoting a book I was editing on Judaism. His recall was incredible. He was

of just about any Jewish saying or

. Incredibly, for a scholar of his caliber, he was able to study with the widest possible range of people, from children of new immigrants to adults pressed for time who wanted quality learning at odd hours of the day. One former student at the funeral had been kicked out of a long list of schools, and Shmuel studied with him for several months until he was able to gain admission to one of the top schools in Jerusalem.

"How are you, my friend?" was

his traditional greeting.
On Sunday morning, he was bringing the parchments for the tefillin of his son, Shlomi, to a scribe to be inserted in their leather boxes. Shmuel won't be there for his son's bar mitzya and the lives of his wife and children will be forever changed, because a dump truck swerved out of control.

Israel to offer gestures to PA

By MICHAL YUDELMAN. BATSHEVA TSUR, and HILLEL KUTTLER

The government is expected by diplomatic sources to adopt a more flexible policy and propose a number of gestures to the Palestinians,

Israel, Jordan to build peace park at Naharayim, Page 2 Abu Marzook arrives in Jordan, Page 2

in an effort to resume the peace

A breakthrough with the Palestinians, after several weeks of complete severance between the sides, is hoped to be achieved at the meeting between President Ezer Weizman and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat this evening at the Israeli side of the Erez checkpoint at the entrance to the Gaza Strip.

"We are very optimistic. We hope the president will break the ice and get the process back on track," one of the senior Israeli officials planning the visit said yesterday.

Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu met with Weizman last night to lay the groundwork for the president's meeting with Arafat. The meeting was arranged with the active participation of the US, whose special Middle East coordinator, Dennis Ross, is to arrive

For the first time since the crisis in the peace talks following Israel's decision to build in Jerusalem's Har Homa, Israel appears to be softening its tone, as diplomatic sources reported that

gestures and confidence-building measures are now being hammered out in Jerusalem. These include consultations with the Americans and large-scale construction for Palestinians including Jerusalem and the PA airport in Dahaniya.

Netanyahu met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday, and the three decided on gestures to be made towards the Palestinians. These are to be presented to the cabinet tomorrow for approval.

Weizman appears to be determined to play more than a merely formal role and get results out of his meeting with Arafat, which will lead to the resumption of negotia-

Yesterday, he held a series of meetings in preparation for his talk

with cabinet secretary Danny Naveh and Netanyahu's confidant and envoy, attorney Yitzhak

At Netanyahu's request, Molcho will join the president and his bureau chief, Arye Shumer, at the meeting, which is to be attended from the Palestinian side by Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas, Yasser Abed Rabbo, and Ahmed Tibi. The president is also to meet privately with Arafat

Weizman also consulted with Mordechai, General Security Service head Ami Ayalon, Foreign Minister David Levy, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

Everything is being done in coordination with the prime minister," Shumer said.

Meanwhile, Ross is to leave for Israel tonight and begin meetings with Israeli and Palestinian officials tomorrow, US administration officials confirmed yesterday. The US peace process team is delaying its arrival by a day in order not to overshadow the Weizman-Arafat

A US official said he hopes the summit gets the Ross mission off to a "good start," but does not expect Weizman and Arafat to produce a breakthrough.

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Manbar indicted

By RAINE MARCUS

International businessman and ırms dealer Nahum Manbar, 51, was indicted in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday on charges of spionage, selling arms to a hosile state, and assisting a country it war with Israel.

Manbar, who insists that all arms deals with Iran were conducted with the government's knowledge, will femain in custody until his trial. Manbar was charged with sell-

ing chemical warfare substances Iran. His lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, said his client maintains us innocence. According to the indictment,

arts of which were classified, Manbar, a former paratroop offi-er, met with Dr. Majidad Abasfor n or around 1990, via an Iranian ntermediary, dubbed Hashmi. At he time, Abasfor was the head of he Iranian government's chemial warfare program.

Abasfor asked Manbar to pro-



vide Iran with chemicals and other materials used to produce chemical weapons, and to train a team to



Nahum Manbar

work in factories there. A contract was signed, and from 1990 to 1994, Manbar fulfilled it. By mid-1994, Manbar had received \$16 million from the

Iranians for his services. Manbar, the indictment said, provided the Iranians with material to manufacture nerve and mus-

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PA returns car of Meretz councilman

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Talk about friends in high

Less than 48 hours after Jerusalem City Councilman Oman Yekutieli (Meretz) had his car stolen he was back behind the wheel, thanks to the help of Palestinian Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub.

When Yekutieli discovered on Sunday morning that his threeyear-old car was gone, he started calling friends in eastern Jerusalem, a doctor and a teacher, for help.

It was not so much the car that bothered him, he said.

"I had my briefcase in the car, with all the papers I have in the world - lists of names, activists, donors - everything. I was totally hysterical. I said if they find who has the car, tell them they can keep it, just give me back my briefcase.

They started calling everyone they knew, and soon enough it was in the hands of libril Rajoub. The story spread so fast, that at every checkpoint of the

PA people were looking for the

"In the afternoon I got a message that they found the car, so I called Rajoub and thanked him. He said when we have a really normal peace between our two societies, then we'll have coordination between our police forces all the time, and this will be a regular occurrence in these kinds of

Yekutieli knows how lucky he was, considering the statistics on stolen cars. .

"I think it was luck, and good connections - part of the fact is that I'm well known in eastern Jerusalem. I have a column in Al-Kuds," he said.

When he went to Bethlehem yesterday afternoon to pick up the car, "they had fixed the ignition. and gave me a new key, because the thieves had broken it. And that's the story." What about the important brief-

case? Yekutieli laughed. "They took the briefcase, and my ID, but they emptied most of the papers on the back seat."

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in brief

Panel revokes Schnitzer's Israel Prize

The Israel Prize Committee last night retracted its decision to grant the Israel Prize for Journalism to Ma'ariv journalist Shmuel Schnitzer. The vote in the committee was 2-1.

The High Court of Justice had ruled that the committee should reconsider its decision in light of a racist article written by Schnitzer condemning the aliya of the Falash Mura, for which he was censured by the National Federation of Israeli Journalists. The committee said it would not grant a prize for Jerusolem Post Staff print journalism this year.

Palestinian with bomb material arrested

A Palestinian from the Jenin area was arrested in a Haifa marketplace on Sunday with a bag containing a pipe, timing device, and matches, which can be used to make a bomb. Police will bring the man, 26, before the Haifa Magistrate's Court this morning for a remand hearing.

PA policeman kills Palestinian man

A Palestinian policeman shot dead a Palestinian man at a roadblock in Hebron yesterday, Palestinian sources said. The victim was named as 29-year-old Issam Mohammed Gate. Reuter

Palestinian Authority releases lawyer from iail

Jameel Salameh, the Gaza lawyer arrested for trying to publish an article in the Gaza Bar Association Journal comparing the Israeli and Palestinian judicial systems, was released Sunday. The article implied the PA should be investigated, including the way appointments are made by Chairman Yasser Arafat.

PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein justified Salameh's arrest by noting that, in his five-hour interrogation, "he admitted being connected to the Islamic Jihad and had an Islamic Jihad membership card." The Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group pointed out that even if true, being an Islamic Jihad member is not a crime in Gaza.

Four arrested in connection with murder

Police yesterday arrested four people in connection with the murder under mysterious circumstances over a year ago of Israel Navy sailor Arik Maman not far from his home in Migdal Ha'emek. The suspects, detained for questioning in accordance with a court order, are his wife Sigal, 29, her brother, and their

Colombian president visiting

Colombian President Ernesto Samper, who also serves as chairman of the Non-Aligned Nations, arrived yesterday evening. He is the first president of Colombia to visit, and was accompanied by Foreign Minister Maria Velez and Foreign Trade Minister Carlos Torres. Samper is to meet with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and Foreign Minister David Levy. Jerusalem Post Staff

Austrian FM arrives tomorrow

Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schussel is to arrive tomorrow on an official visit. He is to hold talks with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and Foreign Minister David Levy. The talks will focus on the peace process and bilateral cooperation. Schussel is also to meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Jerusalem Post Staff

Council for jubilee celebrations has 1st meeting

The public council for the state's fiftieth anniversary celebrations had its first meeting in Tel Aviv last night. The 72-member council, which includes mayors, former ministers, and retired IDF officers, will work with the ministerial committee on ceremonies and symbols to implement events in honor of the Jerusalem Post Staff

ORT head calls for more computers in schools

The Education Ministry should adopt a policy of computerizing classrooms, with at least one computer for every three to five pupils, instead of just having a computer lab for one class at a time, according to Haim Ben-Ami, director-general of the ORT school system.

The ministry now aims at one computer for every 10 pupils, he said. Although this is a more progressive figure than most countries, placing large numbers of PCs in the classroom will ensure that every graduate is at ease using a computer, Ben-Ami

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Lev el Lev (Heart to Heart) Israel is holding its annual fundraising drive today and tomorrow. The voluntary organization devotes its efforts to informing the public how to avoid heart disease and save lives with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It disseminates its message through the educational system, the local authorities, and the security forces.

Abu Marzook arrives in Jordan from US

AMMAN (AP) - Hamas leader Mousa Abu Marzook arrived in Jordan yesterday, ending 21 months in detention in the United States for violating immigration laws.

A Hamas official said the former chief of the Hamas political bureau "arrived here safely."

Reached by telephone in the US, Abu Marzook's wife, Nadia Ashy, declined to reveal any details about her husband's release, saying that American authorities would not inform her on his release for "security reasons." Jordan's government said last week that King

humanitarian grounds. On Saturday, Hamas spokesman Mohammed Nazzal said Abu Marzook had agreed to surrender his US residency and not reclaim it in the future as part of an agreement with US authorities, setting

Hussein had agreed to receive Abu Marzook in the kingdom on

the stage for his deportation to Jordan. Abu Marzook was detained in the US for violating immigration laws. Israel recently dropped its request for his extradition as a suspect in 10 terrorist attacks from 1990 to 1994 that killed 47 people. A US resident for 15 years, Abu Marzook was detained in July 1995 when he reentered the US because his name had been put on a

list of suspected terrorists. He has admitted to leading Hamas's political wing, but he insists he was not involved with the group's military wing, which has claimed responsibility for the anti-Israeli attacks.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of

MIA ZUCKERMAN

on Monday, May 5, 1997. She bequeathed her body to science.

Family and Friends

IDF, Turkey, US finalize joint exercise

IDF, Turkish, and US officers met at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv yesterday to wrap up details for a joint, three-way naval exercise, most likely this summer, in the Mediterranean. The meeting took place during the strategic dialogue with a Turkish military delegation led by Turkish Deputy Chief of Staff Chevik Bir.

According to Defense Ministry officials, the joint maneuvers will be "of a humanitarian nature and focus on a search-and-rescue scenario." Reports from Turkey that they were aimed at Iran and Syria were dismissed by officials here.

Bir's visit comes after last week's visit by Turkish Defense Minister Turban Tayan and is expected to further enhance the strategic cooperation between the two countries

The Turkish delegation consisted of 23 military officials, including intelligence officers, and discussions focused on fighting terror and, for the first time, the threats from Iran and Syria.

It is the second of the strategic meetings. Last November, an Israeli delegation headed by David Ivry, special adviser to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, went to Turkey for the first session

Mordechai told the Turkish officers that he has no doubt the cooperation will strengthen the stability of the Middle East. He said he wants to increase and deepen the links, so that the defense establishments of Israel and Turkey can be aided by each other's experience.

Bir told Mordechai that Turkey wants to increase and widen tour of the factory that produces Bir said.



Turkish Deputy Chief of Staff Chevik Bir (left) is greeted by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday.

strategic cooperation.

Prior to the meeting, the Turkish officers toured Israel Aircraft als were very impressed. Industries, where 54 Turkish Air Force F-4s are being upgraded. Israel is currently bidding to upgrade 48 Turkish F-5s.

The Turks were also taken on a

the Merkava tank. Bir later told Mordechai that he and his gener-

"We heard, learned, and saw advanced high technology and the special ability in almost every military area, and all of them were the fruits of Israeli development,"

Praising the plans for the joint naval exercise, Mordechai told Bir that he is placing great importance on them and had raised the matter with the Americans during his US visit last month. Planning procedures were discussed and ideas exchanged on details of the maneuvers, Israeli officials said.

Bir later told reporters that he looks warmly upon the naval exercises and said they are open to any other nation that wants to participate.

Kir is to visit Hebron this morning, where he is to meet with 17 Turkish officers serving with the international observer force.

PA introduces death penalty for selling land to Israelis

By JON IMMANUEL

The Palestinian Authority plans to try Palestinians who sell land to Israelis, including land inside the Green Line, using a Jordanian law which permits the death penalty, PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein said yesterday.

Abu Medein said the severe measures have become necessary, because "after what happened at Jabal Abu Ghneim [Har Homa] it has become clear that the Israeli government looks at all property sold by Arabs to Jews as conferring Israeli sovereignty."

According to the government, 70 percent of the land in the Har Homa building project was purchased by Jews before 1948 and after 1967.

"If we say owning land means sovereignty, then Palestinians own 90 percent of the land in Palestine, including private land in Jaffa, Ramle, and Lod," Abu Medein said. "This land belongs to refugees and must not be sold, because refugees are to be discussed in final tus talks and they must decide whether to return their land or receive compensation.

"We are not ready to accept Israelis buying land in the Nagab [Negev] either. These brokers are thieves. Many Arabs in Israel are selling property which is not theirs, but belongs to relatives who are refugees abroad. If their land is sold, how will they show they have a right to com-

During the intifada, the PLO gave direct orders to kill some well known land dealers who sold West Bank land. The most famous, Ahmed Oudeh, was gunned down in

Under a law used by Jordan during the intifada, Jordanian courts tried in absentia some 200 Palestinian

property dealers from the West Bank. The PA has a list of all these people, Abu Medein said.

Currently, three dealers are being investigated by the PA public prosecutor. We will be very tough in implementing Jordanian law

on this," Abu Medein said. Jordanian law is not binding in Gaza, but there has

been only one recent case of a Gazan selling property there to Jews. This involved an old woman who sold a 400 sq.m. house in Gush Katif. She is now living inside Israel, Abu Medein said. "The whole problem is that property should be for pri-

vate ownership. If the Israeli government accepted that the purchase of Palestinian property did not annul Palestinian political rights over the land, that would be acceptable," Abu Medein said.

He said he has evidence that Israelis are approaching Palestinians as far away as Chile and Ecuador to purchase land. Five Palestinians are currently under sentence of death

in Palestinian jails for murder and rape, but no one has

been executed and it is considered unlikely that a property dealer would be judicially executed either. Liat Collins adds: Likud MKs Maxim Levy, Meir Sheetrit, and Ruby

Rivlin have signed on the bill being proposed by Meretz MK Amnon Rubinstein to limit the government's right to rescind the Israeli identity cards of east Jerusalem resi-

Under the bill, the interior minister would not be able to rescind the residence permit of a person without a nationality, unless convinced the person is likely to harm

Army demolishes seven illegal structures in Hebron

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

An IDF bulldozer yesterday demolished what the army said were seven illegally built uninhabited structures near Kiryat Arba. The Palestinians said 28 people lived in the houses and the act was against the spirit of peace.

The bulldozer took down five houses and two cow sheds, said Lt. Peter Lerner, spokesman for the civil administration in the West Bank. He said the owners had not obtained proper permission to construct the houses.

'None was inhabited. They were relatively new and not even completed. As in any orderly country, to build a house or an extension, you have to have the permission of the relevant authorities. In this area, that is the civil administration," Lerner said.

But residents said some of the houses had been built over six years ago and that the demolition left 28 people homeless. The houses were reportedly

located in the way of a planned bypass road being built for Jewish residents. Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe

sent a letter to Israeli officials in which he called the demolition "an irresponsible act negating the spirit of peace."

Palestinians said that since the Likud-led government came to power, the civil administration had renewed efforts to demolish homes built without Israeli permits. So far, 13 houses have been destroyed in the Hebron area, Palestinian reports said. They added that under the previous Labor-led government, there had been an understanding that unlicensed houses would not be

destroyed. But Lerner dismissed this, saying that the IDF has been steadily demolishing illegally built homes for years. The structures destroyed yesterday were in area

"I have lost all my savings," said farmer Mohammed Jaber, as he stood before the ruins of his three-room home.

Israel, Jordan to dedicate peace park at Naharayim By MiCHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies the girls, Jordan and Israel are to announce ical juncture."

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan will not attend today's memorial at Naharayim for the seven Beit Shemesh schoolgirls killed by a Jordanian soldier on March 13, a Jordanian palace official said yesterday.

"We never said the crown prince would be going; he is not going," the palace official told Reuters, adding that the ceremony would be attended by lower-level Jordanian offi-

Israeli officials had said that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Hassan would attend the ceremony. They also said the two were to meet in a specially erected tent for a diplomatic discussion.

After the ceremony, which will include the dedication of a hill of flowers in memory of

the establishment of a joint peace park to be built at the site, known as the Island of Peace

until the murderous incident occurred. Ambassador to Jordan Oded Eran, who took office yesterday, told Israel Radio there is disenchantment in Jordan over the threeyear-old peace accord, and expectations of more tangible" economic results.

Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali said yesterday his country would attend a mini-summit proposed by Egypt to help restart the peace process. We welcome President Hosni Mubarak's

initiative to convene a summit of four leaders to bring the peace process back on track and we are eager to attend," told reporters after official talks in Doha, Qatar. "We think a summit of this nature is important at this crit-

Those taking part at the summit would be Mubarak, Netanyahu, King Hussein, and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, Mubarak said last week.

The Qatar News Agency also quoted Majali

as saying: "We ask Washington to stop its support of Tel Aviv so that it can change its policies, otherwise the peace process will be Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said yesterday any consideration of a mini-

summit could wait until after Arafat meets President Ezer Weizman today. the results of Arafat's meeting with the Israeli president tomorrow," Moussa told reporters

"It's too early for such talk. Let's just see after meeting European Union envoy Miguel Angel Moratinos in Cairo.

Two SLA soldiers wounded in security zone

By DAVID RUDGE

Two South Lebanese Army soldiers and three civilians were wounded yesterday in two roadside bomb attacks not far from Marjayoun in the security zone. in the first attack, a bomb was detonated alongside a car carrying

a second device exploded near the SLA vehicle, which went to the scene to assist the casualties. The wounded, who were all said to have been lightly hurt, were taken to nearby Marjayoun

three civilians. A few minutes later.

Hospital. Israel yesterday lodged a complaint with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over the bombing attack in view of the fact that civilians were also wounded. The fivenation committee that was established to supervise the understandings reached at the end of the fighting last April is to meet tomorrow to

discuss Israel's complaint, Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attacks, saying it had demonstrated its capabilities by detonating two devices deep in the zone, only a few kilometers from the "Lebanon-Palestine" border.

ment operates, then we would find it impossible to continue as part of the coalition." Harel's talk about impending

Third Way: Gov't

to change ways

Significant changes in the gov-

ernment's functioning are imminent, Third Way MK Yehuda Harel said last night, following a meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. The Third Way's Knesset faction

By SARAH HONIG

urged Netanyahu that "attacks on the police, press, and prosecution cease, that the peace process continue, and that the conversion bill be shelved." The four Third Way MKs who participated in the meeting stressed that none of their demands was an ultimatum.

After the meeting, Harel expressed confidence that "the government's functioning would indeed change. I base this not only on our latest conversation, but also on previous ones. We had very firm, and I believe sincere. pledges and I know that great and highly significant changes are

MK Emanuel Zissman reported that his faction's MKs told Netanyahu that "unless repairs were made to the way the govern-

changes follows similar predic-Yisrael Ba'aliya, whose party demanded similar changes.

A change in the government's ways could mean an impending cabinet reshuffle. This could hinge on the outcome of the trial of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman. Should be be acquitted, this would facilitate a portfolio

tions from Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky of

swap for Netanyahu.

He would then be able to remove Tzahi Hanegbi from the Justice Ministry and hand it back to Ne'eman.

PM asked to foot bill at Swiss luxury hotel equipment, hair dressing services, By MICHAL YUDELMAN restaurants, and pubs came to SFr

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz), chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee, is demanding Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu pay for his personal expenses at the luxurious Seehof Hotel in Davos, Switzerland, at the beginning of the

The hotel sent a bill for SFr 75,652 (NIS 174,000) for the Israeli mission's stay there during the economic conference. Cohen sent copies of the invoice to

the Treasury and Foreign Ministry. demanding to know who covered the bill. He noted yesterday that the per-

sonal excesses of Netanyahu and his family cost far more than the mission's work expenses. Thus, hiring a photocopier and fax. telephone bills, and hiring a

while the rental of sports and ski

7,838.60. The hair-dressing costs alone came to some SFr 850 (NIS 2,000), the minibar to SFr 1,000, renting ski equipment SFr 1,800, and hiring a ski instructor SFr 1,080. Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak

called the "picking into this bill" provocative and "a sickening attempt to besmirch the prime minis-

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Knesset mourns child Holocaust victims

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Against the backdrop of the Chagall tapestry depicting the history of the Jewish people, the Knesset yesterday held its annual "Every person has a name" ceremony marking Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance

President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, the chief rabbis and other dignitaries

At the end of the ceremony, a Torah scroll in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust was dedicated in the Knesset's synagogue, in what Netanyahu described as an act symbolizing the continuation of the Jewish people and its history.

Netanyahu also announced his intention to travel to Birkenau next year with Israeli children and IDF soldiers to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the State of Israel "and give expression to the greatest victory of any people – the victory against all the laws of his-

He called on survivors to submit their testimonies to Yad Vashem.

At the beginning of the Knesset ceremony, a special six-branched candelabrum, signifying the six million who died, was lit. A children's choir sang "Eli, Eli," written by Hanna Szenes, the Jewish parachutist from the Yishuv captured and killed by the Germans.

The Knesset ceremony, like others around the country, was dedi-cated to the theme of children in the Holocaust. Tichon opened with the chilling account of children taken from Auschwitz to Hamburg, where they continued to be subjected to "medical" experiments. They were killed 18 days before the end of the war in

Their world was a cold one of torture," he said. "Each one of these children had a name. And they will never be forgotten." Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu

Bakshi-Doron read Kaddish, "for those who could not recite for their parents, and those parents who could not recite for their chil-

As was done at ceremonies around the globe yesterday, one by one, the officials read out the names of children whose lives were cut short, in misery, forever

aged two, three, five or 10. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Meir Lan recalled his own experiences as a six-year-old, trying to look older, and making his first public meat hooks. speech to persuade a new labor camp commandant that he was fit

to work and worth saving. He told how his brother, Naftali Lavie, constantly protected him, carrying him into Buchenwald in a sack so they wouldn't be parted. He told of an encounter with a Gentile Czech doctor, who saved his life by reducing the dose of an injection. And he recounted how he searched the walking skeletons that left Bergen-Belsen to try to

"To this day, I still search. I will never find my mother, but I have found a home and homeland," he

find his mother.

Former Knesset speaker Dov Shilansky, who initiated the "Every person has a name" project, told how he could not read out the names of all the children he had known and played with "who were sent to Auschwitz, crying: 'Mamele, Ich will leben!' [Muramy, I want to live.] And the world heard and was silent," Another former speaker, Shevah

had known in his Polish village, most of whom were killed in the local slaughterhouse, hanged on

He, too, recalled the skeletal people around him and said: That's why I can't keep quiet when I see the child skeletons of Rwanda."

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai read the names of Baghdadi children who died. Labor Party Secretary General Nissim Zvilli said his family had been saved by Arabs who had smuggled them from their south Tunisian village to a safer place in the heart of the country. Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Peled also spoke of the Righteous Gentiles in Belgium who had saved him and raised him until his mother returned from Auschwitz.

MK Maxim Levy (Gesher) called for unity between Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews. His brother, Foreign Minister David Levy, speaking before the installation of the Torah scroll, said that, although the children had died in the Holocaust, "the holy letters of their names hover all around us."



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu carries a Torah that is being installed in the Knesset synagogue yesterday, in memory of the children murdered in the Holocaust, as Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon looks on.

AMCHA hot line receives hundreds of calls

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Haunted by the voices of the past, hundreds of Holocaust survivors and their families found an empathetic ear yesterday in the AMCHA staffers manning the organization's hot line.

Ready to simply hear their stories, or help them get through a particularly difficult day, the staff at AMCHA - the National Israeli Center for Psychological Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation – ignored budgetary difficulties to make callers feel they had reached what veteran staffer Ruth Gruschka called

Inspired by what AMCHA director-general John Lemberger referred to as "emotional triggers," such as the massive offerings regarding the Holocaust on television, hundreds of calls were fielded in AMCHA's four offices and at similar centers in Netanya and Kfar Sava set up with AMCHA's help.

In a normal week, they generally receive a dozen or so calls. Lemberger said Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day is "the one day that we have the greatest influx of clients." They are offered services ranging from individual counseling to group, family, or couple therapy, or documentation of their story.

Many were calling "because they want everyone to know their story," explained Tali Brin, who was manning the phones in Jerusalem yesterday morning. "Some specifically mention programs they've seen about the Holocaust. They say: 'Where did they get my story from?' Some said they feel like every day is Holocaust Remembrance Day, that it's something that never ends. But this day is their

day, and people take notice of them today." Others just wanted someone to listen, as in the case of one survivor "who just told me his entire life story. Our job is to listen, because the moment you cut someone off, they lose their train of thought. So I listened to him, and let him have this catharsis that he needed. Then he felt better," Brin

Gruschka got a different kind of call, which she said was also typical. It was from a woman whose father was a survivor. Holocaust Remembrance

Day is "difficult for me," she explained to Gruschka, telling her that her father would rarely speak about his experiences, and that she wanted to know more about how her father's siblings had "been destroyed."

"On a day like this, she said, she is more aware of her suffering," Gruschka explained. "When she used the word 'destroyed,' I understood that she is also psychologically prepared to confront what happened, however painful. And this, on a day like this, comes more to the fore than on other days, and it's easier for people to permit themselves to use such a hot line. They feel less embarrassed."

Gruschka explained to the woman that sometimes parents have difficulty talking about their experiences because they are afraid they will be overwhelmed by their emotions, or want to protect their children. AMCHA's services are under pressure because

of the government's decision last year to cut funding to the organization, which received some NIS NIS 600,000 in 1996. Lemberger says the cut threatens the organization's work, but he is "cautiously optimistic" the government will see that the cuts are hurting Israel's image abroad.

The budget has a financial element, but also a moral element," he says. The cuts also upset the survivors, who see them as an example of how the state does not properly address their needs.

Meanwhile, AMCHA has widened its services to

include a chat and subscription news group on the Internet, where survivors can create a cyber-support group for each other. Dr. Natan Kellerman, the chief psychologist for the Jerusalem office, said this week's initial chat session raised several interesting issues, including how to mark the Holocaust during the Pessah Seder.

The AMCHA website can be found at http://www.amcha.org

Yesterday, however, it was the phone lines that were providing the essential link with survivors. Amcha hot line numbers: Jerusalem: (02) 625-0634, 625-0745, 624-7367,

623-3644 Tel Aviv: (03) 566-5701/2/3 Haifa: (04) 837-5649 Beersheba: (07) 627-0224

Holocaust survivors and schoolchildren. Swiss bank whistle-blower seeks new life in US

blowing the whistle on a Swiss received death threats against us bank's shredding of old documents amid the search for Holocaust accounts has told a newspaper he has gone to the US to escape death threats and

find a job.

"I would prefer to stay in Switzerland, but the people in my country don't understand me," Christoph Meili told the Swiss daily Le Nouveau Quotidien from New York in an interview published yesterday. "I am being treated like a crimi-

Meili smuggled documents bound for the shredder out of Union Bank of Switzerland in January and gave them to Zurich Jewish leaders, who alerted prosecutors to a possible violation of a ban on destroying any material that could help find unclaimed wealth.

Meili, who is married and has two children, was suspended from his job by the security firm for which he worked, and later

sacked. UBS says the destruction of old records from a subsidiary it acquired in 1945 was a regrettable accident" and that no client records were lost that could aid the search for missing assets that Hitler's victims may have deposited in Swiss banks.

Jewish groups hailed Meili, 28, as a hero and held him up a model of moral courage. But the incident could rigger criminal charges against him of violating banking secrecy.

"I don't really feel safe any more," Meili said, noting one

watchman who lost his job after approve of his action. "We

and the children." Meili said he hoped allies like New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato and the World Jewish Congress could help him make a

new life in the US. In January, the

ZURICH (Reuter) - A night survey found most Swiss did not Defamation League of B'nai B'rith presented Meili with a golden menora and \$34,000 to help him cover living expenses and legal fees, but Meili said he had not seen a cent of the

> "All I know is that my lawyer has used part of it for my defense," he said.



Motorists stand at attention in Jerusalem yesterday during the two-minute siren marking Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes'

Remembrance Day, which sounded throughout the country at 10 a.m. Immediately afterward, national ceremonies began, including

at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, where wreaths were laid at Warsaw Ghetto Square by President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister

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Fiscal autonomy, British-style options discussed

By DAVID HARRIS and JUDY STEGEL

The Health Ministry and Treasury have entered negotiations ahead of a complete shakeup of the health funds, State Budget Director David Milgrom

said yesterday. But Health Minister Yehoshua Matza described Milgrom's statements as an "empty balloon." He denied the two ministries see eyeto-eye on "nationalizing the public health system and health funds" and/or reducing the basket of health services.

While ruling out the repeal of the 1995 National Health Insurance Law, Milgrom said two proposals are being discussed: the establishment of a government health authority, similar to the British National Health Service, or granting financial independence to the health funds, giving them greater responsibility and flexibil-

ity.
The second option is favored by

Both ministries are highly concerned at the state of health services currently being offered, according to Milgrom. "The current situation cannot be allowed to continue," he said. "The [1995] law has proven to be a regressive change, turning the health pyramid on its head." The universal health insurance

system is leading to poorer efficiency, increased taxes, and inferior health care standards in some areas, he added. All too often the government lias to bail the health funds out.

While the Treasury is concerned by expenditures on the so-called basket of health services, the Health Ministry is in protracted negotiations to increase the health

The current law stipulates that if the basket becomes more expensive than the money raised from taxation, the government will meet the shortfall. This amounts to some NIS 2 billion, seen by the Treasury as a huge burden when it is considering making an addition-

Speaking from Geneva, where he is attending the World Health Assembly, Matza vigorously denied the Treasury claims. "It is a balloon empty of content, behind which apparently stands a consistent and continuing intention by the Finance Ministry to revoke the National Health Insurance Law,"

The Treasury has "intentionally dragged out" for six months discussions with the Health Ministry that are supposed to heal the health system, while adding effi-

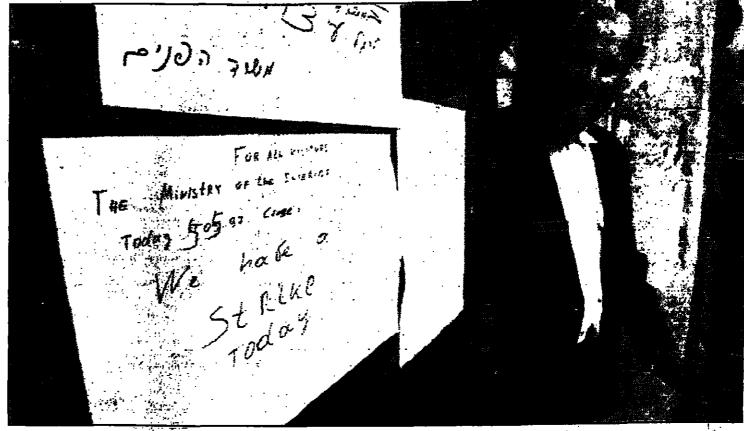
ciency measures and supplying more income, he said.

"The Finance Ministry has purposely delayed for four months the transfer of government subsidies to the health funds and thereby dragged them into deficits that threaten to bring about the col-lapse of the health system," Matza

He said he would raise the whole issue with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu immediately after his return.

Meanwhile, a Teleseker poll, commissioned by the Phoenix insurance company, has found that 13 percent of the public claim they did not receive medical services and drugs to which they were entitled from their health fund. The health funds, they said, claimed they were not entitled to such treatment under the National Health Insurance

Forty percent of those polled are willing to purchase private health insurance if it costs less than NIS 100 a month, Teleseker said. Today, 9.3% of the population has a private supplementary health insurance policy, compared to only 3% in 1992; this is in addition to the supplementary health insurance offered by their health fund, to which 42% of the public



Security guard Asher Nahmir keeps watch yesterday at the Interior Ministry's downtown Jerusalem office, which has been closed

Civil servants step up sanctions

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Some 10,000 civil servants stepped up their sanctions yesterday, frustrating thousands seeking to use government ministries' services, which have been halted since last Wednesday as a result of

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Those suffering most, maintained one agitated Jerusalemite, are people who need the services urgently, such as those who need to renew their passports to travel abroad or acquire drivers' licenses. According to Asher Nahum, a security guard at the Interior Ministry in Jerusalem, dozens of

citizens, many of whom were unaware of the sanctions, showed up at the building yesterday moming. Others who came were hoping that they could convince officials to make an exception for them.

"There is a committee that deals with exceptional, life-or-death cases. In these cases, people must show us doctor's orders," said

Officials at the various ministries

say they are only handling emer-

Hana Oren of the Interior Ministry. The committee has renewed the passport of a woman with pregnancy complications so that she could leave the country and receive necessary medical treat-

ment, Oren said. However, a group of 63 Catholic pilgrims from India that was supposed to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport on Saturday was denied entrance into the country because the office that issues entry visas

has been closed since the middle of last week.

Israelis who want to leave the country have encountered similar problems. Ya'akov Avidani said that, because of the sanctions, he cannot even pull out of his drive-

"I didn't even know there was a strike," he said after being told the Interior Ministry was closed. "I passed my driving test yesterday and I need to get my license and renew my national identity card."

Eva Ben-David has plans to leave for Holland on a family vacation in three weeks, though her trip has been thrown into jeopardy due to the sanctions that have prevented her from acquiring a passport for her four-month-old

"Normally there wouldn't be any problem," she said, "but I guess I'll just have to wait and see how

Conversion bill yields **New Israel Fund support**

In the past year, contributions to the New Israel Fund have increased by 20 percent, apparently as a reaction to the controversy over the conversion bill, which would deny recognition to Reform and Conservative conversion in Israel, NIF director Norman Rosenberg

But he is not happy about this. "Trouble in Israel is not good news

for us," said Rosenberg.
The NIF, founded in California in 1978, is a supporter of a wide range of Israeli causes, including advocacy for Ethiopian immigrants, civil rights for Israeli Arabs, and women's rights, as well as religious

The organization, Rosenberg insisted, is not an alternative to Jewish federation campaigns, although some may perceive it as such. A recent donor survey found that 65 percent of NIF contributors also gave to the federations, and for many that was their main contribu-

However, Rosenberg added, it is no secret that support for Israel is hurting as a result of the conversion bill, which passed its first reading a

month ago.
"Day after day we hear people say that it is harder to get support for Israel with this issue around,"

Rosenberg said.
Menachem Revivi, Israel director
of the UJA, admitted that American Jews are very concerned and frus-trated over the issue, but said he had no figures at this point which would show whether this had led to a drop in contributions.

The UJA is trying to say that we

understand and that people should remain involved so that they can continue to influence [Israel] in the

long run," Revivi said. Rosenberg said the issue had provoked the deepest reactions among American Jews since the "Who is a Jew?" furor, and that concern over the conversion bill is greater than that for the peace process.

The reaction, he said, is an emotional one, not necessarily based upon reality. He said he knew the issue is relatively insignificant in the minds of most Israelis, but for American Jews it is a question of whether they are welcome in Israel.

"The question is whether this place is a place which welcomes them and accepts them for what they are," Rosenberg said.

At the same time, Rosenberg questioned the realism of a call by the Conservative and Reform movements to send massive support for their institutions in Israel. in an attempt to build up these movements. For the non-Orthodox movements to become a real force in Israeli society would take more funds and efforts than the movements have at their disposal,

Rosenberg said. "For them to be a real counter-force in Israeli life would take many millions of dollars and much

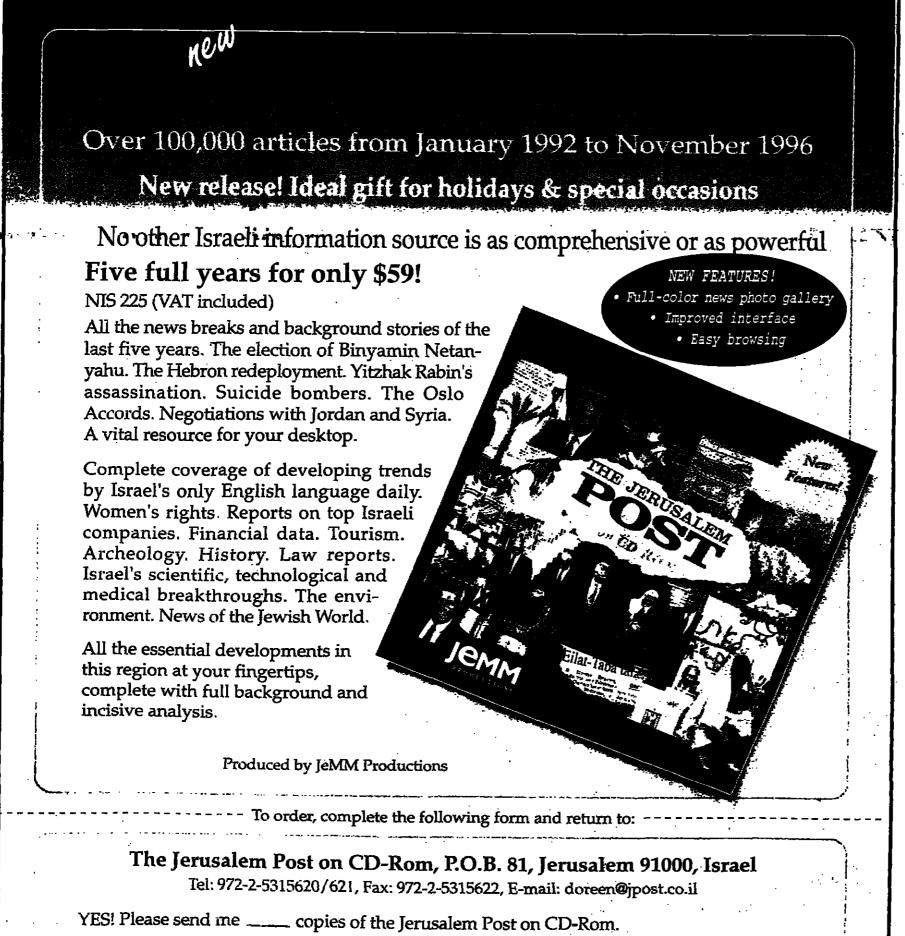
time," he said.
The NIF, he said, is more interested in promoting less conventional expressions of religious pluralan expressions of rengious primar-ism, such as Elul, the Jerusalem-based institute where religious and secular Jews study together. "Secular doesn't mean that you

aren't interested in Torah, Jewish tradition, and Jewish study," he



The fund is designed to help German-born citizens and their descendants purchase rehabilitative or medical equipment or pay for rehabilitative programs, either vocational or educational. Only people who receive oldage pensions with social benefits, disability allowances or supplementary income benefits are eligible:

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An Indonesian businessman, Bob Hasan, tells reporters in Jakarta that the Canadian mining company Bre-X Minerals should be punished for its alleged role in an unprecedented gold scandal.

Indonesia vows punishment for gold scam

TORONTO (AP) - The tract of Borneo jungle was touted to eager investors as the biggest gold find of the century. Instead, damning new evidence has exposed the supposed mother lode as one of the most audacious scams in mining history.

A respected independent consulting firm, hired to resolve a dispute over the value of Bre-X Minerals' Indonesian site, said yesterday its tests showed no evidence of any gold worth mining.

The testing company, Strathcona Mineral Services, said the thousands of supposedly promising crushed rock core samples gathered by Bre-X had been tampered with by the addition of gold from other sources.

The magnitude of the tampering ... and resulting falsification of assay values at Busang is of a scale and over a period of time and with a precision that, to our knowledge, is without precedent in the history of mining anywhere in the world," Strathcona said.

Its report did not indicate who was responsi-

Bre-X, a small Calgary exploration company, had been Canada's biggest stock market sensation over the past three years. Reports that it found up to 70 million ounces of gold at its Busang site attracted a horde of investors.

Bre-X hired Strathcona to conduct tests after a prospective partner said its tests indicated the claims of a vast gold deposit were false. That announcement by New Orleans-based

Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold triggered a meltdown of Bre-X stock on the Toronto Stock Exchange. In less than 30 min-utes of trading March 27, Bre-X stock phunged by 84 percent, a loss of more than \$2 billion.

Strathcona said only trace amounts of gold were found in the crushed rock samples it tested and there were no samples with gold values worth mining. It also said gold in the Bre-X samples came from a source other than the area they supposedly were collected from.

Stuart Averill, a mining consultant hired by the The Globe and Mail, a Toronto-based newspaper, said the gold particles in the Bre-X samples were characteristic of stream-worn and not bedrock gold, the newspaper reported

Reaction to the Strathcona report was swift. Freeport-McMoRan announced yesterday it is withdrawing from the Busang project. And the Toronto Stock Exchange halted trading in Bre-X shares until further notice. A similar freeze was being imposed on the Nasdaq and other exchanges

In Indonesia, the government vowed yesterday to punish whomever was responsible for the huge scam.

"The lawbreakers must be sanctioned," Mining Minister Ida Bagus Sudjana told reporters.

Sudjana said Indonesian officials were reviewing the Canadian report, copies of which were released in Jakarta yesterday.

"The government, of course, will take strong measures," Sudjana said, without elab-

Britain wants to boost ties with EU

Labor government pledges less rivalry

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - British Prime Minister Tony Blair's "new dawn" broke over Brussels yesterday with his newly elected Labor government pledging to work with, rather than fight its European Union partners.

Promising a "fresh start" after years of antagonism from the former ruling Conservatives over integration, Britain's

European affairs minister Doug Henderson said the Labor goverament wanted to draw a line

We want to work with you as colleagues in a shared enterprise...not using the language of opponents," he told representatives of the 15-nation bloc meeting in their weekly negotiating session on a new EU treaty. Europe, for the new British

government, is an opportunity, not a threat," he said. It was the first meeting of a member of the new British govemment with its EU partners since the Labor Party's landslide

victory over the Conservatives Henderson said Britain wanted to make the Union more democratic, more open and more relevant to ordinary people.

In sharp contrast to the ousted Conservatives, he said Labor would end the British opt-out from the EU's Social Chapter, agree to more majority voting in non-sensitive policy areas and support an employment chapter in a new EU treaty to be adopted in mid-June in Amsterdam.

He also hinted at a more flexible British approach in areas such as foreign policy and justice and home affairs.

The overall approach, he told a news conference after meeting his counterparts was to look at each issue on its merit. "We will reject the dogmatic

approach," he said. But Henderson made clear Britain would maintain its border controls, would block plans by Germany and France to incorporate the Western European Union defence arm into the EU and

needed. Continental interest in what the Blair government will do on Europe was underlined by a packed news conference, which Henderson joked had a larger

fight for British interests when

Third Division football games.

Other countries appeared pleased by Britain's new attitude. "He made a very positive impression. What he said ...came as a relief, I believe, to most around the table," said Sweden's

negotiator, Gunnar Lund. French European Affairs Minister Michel Barnier said Henderson had given a "positive signal" and that a new treaty could probably now be complet-

ed at the Amsterdam summit. Conservative Party in-fighting over Europe had stalled intergovernmental conference negotiations on the treaty.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook earlier heralded a more cooperative British presence in Europe following the 18 years of Conservative rule in which Britain has often isolated itself from the rest of Europe.

"I'm in favour of getting the best deal for Britain and we very strongly believe we will get a better deal... if we work together with the other states of Europe, not constantly fight them," he told Sky Television.

"We won't allow ourselves to be bounced and we're not going attendence than most British

Dog shot while tracking US separatists

FORT DAVIS (AP) — Five shots were fired yesterday morning at dogs that were unleashed to track of years in prison and millions of dollars in fines. two Republic of Texas members who fled into the rugged Davis Mountains after a week-long standoff. 'So far we have not remmed any fire and none of

our officers have been shot at," Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said. One dog was wounded. Helicopters from the state

and the US Border Patrol circled the area after the "We're on these guys," Cox said. "The DPS is on their trail." Also yesterday, Republic of Texas leader

Richard McLaren and his wife were indicted on fed-

of years in prison and millions of dollars in fines. Richard Keyes III, 21, and Mike Matson, 48, fled the militant group's remote hideaway about four hours apart on Saturday before other members surrendered.

Dogs and troopers found more than 60 pipe bombs and 12 gasoline cans in the area, as well as several fortified bunkers.

Cox said the dogs, redbone hounds used as trackers by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, were unleashed yesterday morning near a campsite found in a canyon. Shots were fired within minutes.

Mobutu lies low in Kinshasa

KINSHASA - Zaire's embattled President Mobutu following inconclusive weekend talks with rebel

leader Laurent Kabila, an aide said. Kabila gave Mobutu an ultimatum yesterday: he hands over control of the country in eight days or "perishes with his power."

The veteran leader, who is battling cancer and a whirlwind rebellion, was resting at his presidential villa in Tshatshi military camp on the banks of the Zaire River, the aide said. Mobutu has not been seen in public since returning.

Kabila told a news conference at his Lubumbashi headquarters on yesterday that his forces would chase Mobutu out of Kinshasa if he did not hand over power by the time they arrived.

Mobutu, who has dominated Zaire since seizing power in 1965, offered at the talks on a South African ship in Congo's port of Pointe Noire to hand over power to an elected president.

Kabila insisted his Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire should be the transitional authority. South African President Nelson Mandela, who

hosted the meeting, said he would convene fresh talks between Mobutu and Kabila within eight to 10 days to "narrow the gap between the two parties." Kabila said his forces were now less than 60 km

from Kinshasa's Ndjili international airport, which is 25 km east of the capital.

After the first face-to-face meeting with Mobutu on Sese Seko returned to the capital Kinshasa yesterday the naval vessel, Kabila said he gave Mobutu eight said there would be no cease-fire.

"He has to choose to relinquish power, and he is

safeguarded, or, he perishes with his power," Kabila told reporters in English a day after his return from face-to-face talks with the ailing Zairian leader.

Meanwhile, Bill Richardson, the US ambassador to

the United Nations who was instrumental in setting up the shipboard talks, returned to Lubumbashi vesterday and held talks with Kabila after the news con-

After the one-hour meeting, Richardson said he had delivered an urgent message to the rebel leader from US President Bill Clinton.

"We stressed our longstanding view that for the benefit of the Zairian people; 1) there should be a peaceful entry into the capital of Kinshasa — a soft landing which avoids violence and chaos; 2) there should be an inclusive transitional government and 3) fair and open elections," Richardson said.

He added that he had been "very, very encouraged by Mr. Kabila's tone of conciliation today." Kabila denied he had ever agreed to a cease-fire

while the negotiating process was going on. "Who declared a cease-fire? Absolutely not," he

'Deep Blue' defeats Kasparov, ties match

NEW YORK - The supercomhuman, has defeated world chess champion Garry Kasparov to tie their six-game re-match at one

victory each. Deep Blue's victory after 45 moves and 3 hours and 42 minutes of play was the second time in history that a computer program had defeated a reigning world champion in a classical chess format.

The first time was in February 1996 in Philadelphia when the IBM system won the first game of their rivalry, a battle between human and silicon chip that is a test of our relationship with computers. Kasparov recovered to win that match overall.

"This was real chess, not computer chess," Deep Blue's grandmaster US consultant, Joel Benjamin, told hundreds of spectators who watched the second game in a Manhattan office complex. "This is the kind of game that the very best human players

would be proud of." Deep Blue is ognize chess the most, sitting a 1.95-meter box that can calcu-right here," said 12-year-old late an average of 200 million Samson Benen, a member of puter Deep Blue, playing like a positions per second, but it the chess team at Manhattan's demonstrated that it "understood" positional concepts, the experts

> "I think the computer played an excellent positional game and I was impressed by how it closed all the possible counterplay Kasparov may have dreamed of," said Czech-born grandmaster Lubo Kavalek. "It was incredibly well done."

The match winner will receive \$700,000 and the loser \$400,000. The third game is scheduled for today and the match ends on May

Hundreds of chess enthusiasts paid \$25 each to watch Kasparov face off against Deep Blue. Scattered among them were hightech hackers eager to see the silicon powerhouse pull off an upset. The matchup brought together two brainy worlds for a weeklong

meeting of the minds. "These are the people who recHunter College Elementary School

Grandmasters across the stage of the midtown Manhattan Equitable Center's first-floor auditorium, offering analysis and predictions to the 450 people who bought tickets to watch a live video feed of Game 2 of the six-game match.

Thirty-five floors up,
Kasparov sweated, paced and Chess champion Gary Kasparov scribbled notes in a silent, makes his move. windowless room, feverishly

trying to stay one step ahead of the At times, the insider lingo flying

around downstairs sounded like a foreign language.

"I really recommend the move C5 to C4," Benen said early in the game, speaking to the audience after a moderator offered him a microphone. Heads nodded in agreement. "Rook E2 might not be



so effective, because the queen can shift over to B7 ... It's very clear to me that black has to keep

this position." "You could see the computer programmers, and they were all rooting for Deep Blue," said Mark Galecki, 31, a computer science graduate student at Rutgers University. "And then there were the chess players."

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A symbolic thaw

The signs are multiplying that the Israeli-Palestinian political dialogue, frozen for months, is about to undergo a spring thaw. Most conspicuous among these signs is of course the meeting today between President Ezer Weizman and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat at the Erez crossing. A renewal of dialogue is always welcome, but on many questions of substance the two parties are still far apart, and it remains to be seen how far this new round of talks proceeds.

The timing of the renewal of momentum to the stalemated peace process is not coincidental. and is related both to bilateral developments and internal concerns faced by the leaders of the two sides. The talks were originally suspended by the Palestinians in early March, after Israel's decision to go ahead with constructing homes on Har Homa. This was followed by Arafat's green light to terrorist groups, a number of terrorist attacks, and the complete breakdown of cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security forces. The Palestinians demanded that construction stop on Har Homa, while Israel pointed out that, without an effort on the Palestinian side to deal with the most fundamental aspect of the peace process - bringing an end to violence and terrorism - no progress in talks is possible.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Arafat faced pressing domestic issues. Netanyahu's government was preoccupied with the Bar-On Affair. Arafat had to deal with internal issues such as continuing opposition from Islamic fundamentalists and even a teacher's strike in the Palestinian Authority. which ended only after it was brutally broken by Col. Jibril Rajoub. At this point, both leaders can again concentrate on the peace process.

Security cooperation is slowly being renewed. boosted by confidence-building measures such as breaking the bloody Tzurif terrorist cell and the ongoing search for the killers of two Israeli women in Wadi Kelt two weeks ago. The US. which has been going through somewhat of a transition period after Madeleine Albright replaced Warren Christopher at the State Department helm, is preparing to send coordinator Dennis Ross back to the region. Significantly, the Palestinian Authority has recently been signalling that it is willing to quietly drop its demand that construction on Har

Homa end before talks renew. The meeting between Arafat and Weizman can only be a step in the direction of renewing talks, not a meeting of substance, but gestures and symbolism count heavily in this process. It should not be forgotten that last October, with the peace process stalling, an invitation by Weizman to meet with Arafat spurred Netanyahu to announce that he himself would meet with the PA chairman. Although Arafat apparently rejected a suggestion that Weizman's gesture would again lead to an immediate direct meeting with Netanyahu. Weizman's moves have been well coordinated with Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy. Ross also played a role in bringing about the meeting. Perhaps the strongest indication that the Arafat-Weizman meeting is a prelude to more substantive things is the fact that Arafat paid a lightning trip to Cairo over the weekend to coordinate positions. The Egyptians are Arafat's major patrons in the Arab world and Arafat will not take a major step without consulting with them

Where matters will develop on the substantive issues once full dialogue is resumed is still an open question. Israel must insist that Arafat give a clear red light on terrorist activities, that maximal security cooperation be achieved and that the Palestinians step up efforts to end all terrorist violence. Without such clear measures, no negotiations can make serious progress and they will only eventually be suspended again.

If the Palestinian side indeed drops its demand that construction be halted on Har Homa, and even presents this as a major concession despite the fact the Oslo Agreements do not forbid Israel to build in Jerusalem - it will likely ask instead that some form of freeze on settlement activity be taken. Netanyahu would then be domestically hard-pressed against making a major concession on such a sensitive topic within his coalition.

The package of confidence-building measures being prepared instead by Netanyahu. in response to American requests, includes an initiative to build more housing for Palestinians in Jerusalem and an end to the policy of denying Israeli identity cards to Palestinian Jerusalemites who have resided for years outside the capital.

These moves will certainly be popular among the Palestinian population, but ironically they might not fully please Arafat. Although presented as Israeli concessions, they can also be viewed as strengthening Israel's position in Jerusalem, casting Israel as the sovereign in the city providing housing to its Arab citizens. It will also probably not escape Arafat's notice that the Jerusalem Palestinian population's wish to maintain Israeli identity cards carries within it a hidden message of rejection of PA citizen-

Any confidence-building measures the parties bring to the negotiating table can only help get the process started again. Then the real work will begin: dealing with the major issues hanging over the process, including further Israeli redeployments and the expectations of both sides regarding permanent-status talks. There is still a long way to go beyond the symbolism of today's meeting at Erez.



Syria's deadly secret

sraeli intelligence analysts have expressed concern and Lamazement at the rapidity and ease with which the Syrians have been able to obtain the know-how to produce VX nerve gas.

Secretly assisted as it has been by Russian chemical experts, the Syrian military R&D and industrial complex known as the Scientific Studies and Research Center - which, despite its apparently innocent scientific front, is responsible for nonconventional weapons development and production - obviously had no trouble getting the required expertise, technology and materials from Russian sources. That ought to be a cause for grave concern to the US as well as Israel, especially in light of the recent ratification of Chemical

Weapons Convention by the US and its expected ratification by Israel. (Unlike Syria, Egypt, Libya and Iraq, Israel has signed the controversial convention.)

Gen. Anatoly Kuntsevich, the senior Russian military chemical expert reported to have assisted Syria, is not just another underpaid Russian officer or scientist looking for an additional source of

Until early 1995 when he was dismissed on suspicion of smuggling nerve gas precursors (i.e. materials) to Syria, and fraud, Kuntsevich had been Russian rtesident telisin's personal adviser on chemical disarmament, and practically Russia's highest official authority on the subject.

In April 1991 he and a few of his colleagues were awarded the Lenin Prize by then-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for their achievements in the secret development of a new binary chemical warfare agent intended to circumvent Chemical Weapons Convention limitations. Kunisevich admitted last year in an

DANIEL LESHEM

interview with the New York Jewish weekly The Forward that shipments to Syria of small amounts of nerve gas components had indeed taken place, although according to him these shipments were only intended for "research purposes" and authorized by the Russian government under previously undisclosed terms of a treaty

The materials shipped to Syria

A former aide to Russian President Yeltsin has been helping Damascus produce nerve gas

were intended for the production of the Soviet/Russian version of the VX nerve agent - code-named Substance 33 or V-gas.

In interviews with The Wall

Street Journal and other papers in recent years Russian scientist Vil Mirzayanov (who emigrated to the US after getting into trouble in Russia for divulging state secrets regarding the development and production of new chemical weapons), cautioned the US against believing Kuntsevich's successors would be any better. According to Mirzayanov, Russia's "chemical generals" are all eager to fraudalently use US money, intended for chemical disarmament, to help modernize their chemicalweapons arsenal, and no less eager to raise hard currency

through covert or black-market

export deals with rogue states and

American arms control officials

Causes of Sephardi woe

possibly even terrorist groups.

trifuge uranium-enrichment facility under a secret annex to the nuclear reactor deal signed between Russia and Iran. The sale

of this enrichment facility was canceled due to heavy US pressure. Furthermore, Russia is known to be currently assisting the Iranians in developing two or three long-range ballistic missiles and to be transferring 2,000 km.-range SS-4 ballistic-missile technology to Iran, in contravention of both the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and official Russian pledges to abide by the Missile Technology Contrôl

and analysts would be well

advised to investigate the possibil-

ity that, as Kuntsevich claims, the

shipment of nerve gas precursors

to Syria was part of a secret deal.

Such a deal might have been

made in the early '90s or late '80s

during a visit to Syria by the then-

commander of the Russian

IT SHOULD be noted that in

recent years the US discovered

that Russia intended to deceive it

(as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency) by attempting to sell Iran a gas cen-

Chemical Corps, Gen. Pikalov.

The SS-4 ballistic missile is renowned for the part it played in the Cuban missile crisis in the early 1960s. The Russians are believed to be transferring to Iran ponents which might help the Iranians develop other long-range ballistic missiles and possibly help them produce the SS-4 as

These military deals with Syria and Iran illustrate that, although the Cold War is over, the Russians cannot necessarily be trusted.

The writer is a strategic affairs

standards

DAVID FORMAN

recently spent a Friday evening in a Liberal synagogue while on a visit to the US. The centerpiece of the service was the rabbi's sermon, which was dedicated to the latest events in Israel

Now I am no fan of our prime minister, nor of his policies. Yet whenever I am abroad, I find myself on the defensive when I hear Israel being publicly criticized. Indeed I try to defend the country's actions on their merits, rather than take the easy option of making comparisons with other countries.

Listening to that rabbi berate Israel and its prime minister, I could feel my blood boil. I suspect that many of the character flaws that beset Binyamin Netanyahu are not terribly different than those that plague President Bill Clinton. Bibi has admitted to "moral lapses" in his marriage. And we may find out that the Bar-On Affair is not so different from the Whitewater investigation.

If we claim to be partners with the Diaspora, then we must expect its spiritual representatives to speak out on events that take place here. But as I sat in that synagogue, I was certain that a similar sermon attacking Bill Clinton had never been delivered, nor would it be. To satisfy this intuition, I asked the rabbi directly. He confirmed my

thoughts.
So I launched into my usual comparative arguments. This time I did not defend Netanyahu (or Israel). I just pointed out the hypocrisy; that this American rabbi felt comfortable ripping into Israel's prime minister, but remained silent on the failure of Clinton - the darling of liberal Jews - to fulfill so many of his campaign promises, particularly in the area of social reform.

The rabbi had a ready response.

What are the motives of US Jews who attack Israel?

His congregation would never tolerate a similar harangue against "their" president; yet Nezanyahu was fair game.

No matter what anyone feels about Netanyahu, the rabbi's statement to me was an expression of Jewish cowardice. Worse, the rabbi strove to claim his lib eral credentials in the eyes of his congregation by attacking Israel's prime minister and his

policies. Here the hypocrisy increases. The rabbi could find legitimacy in attacking Netanyahu precisely because there is a measure of identification with him as the leader of the Jewish state. But apparently that identification is not felt so strongly by his congregation that the rabbi felt the need to restrain his attack on Netanyahu in the same way that he has refrained from criticizing

DO SOME American Jews fear they will be singled out if they speak too harshly about their govemment leaders? Are they so insecure they feel the need to gain legitimacy in the eyes of their fellow Americans by attacking the Jewish side of their Americanism? Does this rabbi criticize Netanyahu and not Clinton because he wants to guarantee that the spectre of "dual loyalty" will never raise its ugly head, should he slip and say something negative about the US

The rabbi had successfully aroused his congregation to such an extent that many said they would not visit Israel, that Israel was not worth their support. I dare say that these are probably the same liberal American Jews who take a measure of pride when Israel shows itself to be forthcoming - as when Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with Yasser Arafat or when Israel made peace with Jordan

And when Israel is under attack. like during the Gulf war. American Jews speak as if they were under attack. But why do so many American Jews say "we" under these latter circumstances. but cry "they" when they do not like what is going on in Israel? Do we really need such fair-Weather friends?

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Such double and triple standards are unacceptable.

Maybe this American rabbi was just fearful that he might be fired should he attack Clinton and not Netanyahu? If so, then that rabbi can neither be a leader of Americans nor of Jews. In seeking to prove himself as a spiritual leader by attacking only his own people, he abuses basic Jewish seusibilities.

The writer is the spokesman for Rabbis for Human Rights.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

WISHFUL THINKING

Sir. - In his article "A permicrous utopian virus" (April 14), Professor Codevilla gives examples of America's endemic faith that the world's problems can be fixed by "talks."

To the examples he adduces, one might add the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Hartor which forced the US into World In December 1941. I was a

trainee pilot from the British RAF on an American airbase some 8.000 kilometers from Pearl Harbor, Though only 19, I thought that the optimism exuded by the US negotiators was naive in the extreme. When the blow fell on December 7, the shock and panic were palpable.

Admittedly, I had previous experience during the 1930s of this permicious virus, a l followed with incredulity and horror the

(April 11) bases his argument

against recognition of Reform and

Conservative Judaism on the

premise that those movements

have sought to change rules con-

cerning conversion and matrilin-

earlier times, when Judaism was

a proselytizing religion unafraid

of Christian or Moslem disap-

proval and Jewish women did not

live in routine fear of rape, a

Ruth's conversion ("Your peo-

ple shall be my people...") gives

for 3,000 years.

prevailed.

Western nations' abasement before Hitler, culminating in Neville Chamberlain's "talks"

with the German dictator. Now, as Professor Codevilla points out, we have a home-grown variety in Yossi Beilin, who is quoted as saying: "I want to live in a world where the solution to our existential problem is possible, i have no proof that this is really the case. I am simply not prepared to live in a world where things are unscivable.

This is simply and plainly wishful thinking. A private individual who bases his actions thereon would be regarded as foolhardy: but a politician and aspiring leader who does so is nothing less than a danger to the existence of his peo-

required of a convert in Biblical

times. The mass conversions of

the Edomites and, much later, of

the Khazars could not conceivably

have involved each individual

Edomite or Khazar undergoing the

MEIR ABELSON

DISAPPOINTED

Sir. - Yosef Goell / The PM must go now." April 18: thinks that Mr. Netanyahu must go. Amotz Asz-El "Where did we fail.". Armil 15 thinks so too. Three or four months ago so did I, but not new.

I voted for Neumyahu, not because I thought he was the best man for the job. And not even because I thought he was more competent than Mr. Peres. I voted for Netanyahu because I didn't want Peres and company to continue tranking that they could use a slim majorn? to trample the wishes of half the perple. I voted for Netzmyahu - I voted against arrogance.

Even against the background of my meager expectations, I have been disappointed, and have both written and spoken in favor of bringing down the government. But not this way.

From what we have been told of the (apparently nishamed "Bar-On Affair," this is more of the same arrogance that I have voted against for the last 20 years, and if the prime minister is brought down. the Labor Party will return to office. and act as though it had never been rejected. Those Likud members who have decided to desert ship now are not serving the interests of anyone but themselves (and I am not sure that they are doing even that), I grefer to east my lot with the likes of Ariel Sharon, who stoms to be the only one who can keep his. priorities strught.

him later. ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ Elarar

Save Netanyahu now. Get må of

INTOLERANT SCHOOL

Sir. - Isn't it immie that a school which prides itself on tolerance cannot abide the unconvenience of have ing among its pupils the prime marister's son, Hopefully, the shall will find acceptance in a less prestigious. but more truly tolerant school. L BEAME

Jenistiem.

between the country's

Sephardi and Ashkenazi communities, all concerned should amilyze the situation objectively in order to stave off what could become a virtual civil war. By shedding light on the basic reasons for the periodic outbursts of ethnic ancer, we might just resoive a problem which has plagued the state since its inception. Each wave of immigration

brought its own ideological and -percepagnic elite. infortunately this did not apply to the large aliya from North Africa. in the early years of the state. This was clear to all who worked in immigrant transit camps in southem France. A large number of the better educated, professional and business class of North African Jewry made their way to France. Canada of South America, leaving

their weaker compatriots to face the rigors and problems of aliya. It could be argued that the remages of European Jewrs, rescued before or after World War II, were also in this category. However, the preponderance of academics and professionals in this aliya would seem to indicate that many of the European "elite" did come to Israel. When it comes to the more

recent massive aliva from Russia. there was a very high percentage of academics, professionals and skilled workers, which has made these immigrants potentially spendy commitmens to the econony and has enabled them to succossfully establish their own speal and political structures.

An othese group which starts a new life in a difficult environment will mevitably be fragile and inneed of a great deal of help from the state and other sources. That this help was given in the past by a mainly Ashkenazi establishment, with little in the way of material resources or suitable and effective organizational frame**MELVIN COHEN**

works, was in itself an impediment to satisfactory integration and generated profound anger. The absorption methods and techniques were somewhat lacking in intellectual integrity and practical feasibility. This certainly contributed to a situation which eventually negated the hopes of all those who thought that the "melting pot" appreach would solve the problem of integration in

Development towns created a cycle of disadvantage

a relatively short time. But the fact is, it did not and could not.

FROM the time when the disasrous decision was made to estabish development towns and populate them with educationally, econemically and socially weak immigrants, it should have been obvious that a victous circle of unemployment, deprivation and poor quality of life was being initiated and a culd be self-perpeniating.

Over the years successive govemments have recognized the dismal situation but none has made a serious effort to alleviate it. This is illustrated by two reports pubistined in 197

Prof. N. Litchfield, an internalionally renowned town planner, was commissioned by the government to undertake a study of development towns here. He and his team produced a three-volume tepert giving a detailed analysis of the problem, with proposals for a tadical change in policy.

Then a report by Eng E. Brutskus, a senior planner at the Ministry of the Interior, called A

Study on the Spacial Distribution of a 5 Million Population justified the original master plan, one in which the report's author was himself involved. The Litchfield report was consigned to academic oblivion.

Nobody has ever had the political courage to take the drastic steps necessary to bring about radical change.

As a result, while the state cannot be absolved from its mistakes in planning and integration policy. the Sephardi community must have the courage to examine the background of its aliya and apportion at least some of the blame for its members' subjective feelings and extant situation to its own leaders who, by not joining the community in Israel, left it without any effective leadership.

When tempers are raw and emotions at bursting point, it is difficult to rationalize and adopt appropriate responses. However, it is the unquestionable responsibility of the leaders of the Sephardi community and its academic, professional and business elite to make a loud and clear plea for unityrather than raucous calls for civil disobedience and conflict.

When extremism enters the arena, logic, understanding and tolerance are forfeited. In such circumstances, achieving a reasonable level of munial understanding is doomed to failure. Only when the Sephardi commu-

nity admits that not all the blame for its situation can be placed on the shoulders of the Ashkenazim, and when the rest of the population and the government recognize the nature of past mistakes in integration and make serious efforts to rectify them, will the road to a productive dialogue be open.

The writer was a member of the Bar-Lev Committee responsible for trying to solve the problems of development towns in the 1970s.

eal descent that have been in force process imposed in modern times Orthodox authorities. The However, Rabbi Weiss's Bible also teaches us that many of premise is false and his argument our leaders (including Moses himself) married non-lewish women. therefore falls. The rigors of Do we doubt that their offspring Orthodox conversion and the rule of matritineal descent are both were lewish? relatively recent responses to the Now that the Jewish nation is trials and tribulations faced by Diaspora Jewish communities. In

MATRILINEAL DESCENT

Sir, - Rabbi Stewart Weiss us an inkling as to what was

restored to severeignty, is if not time to shake free of the timidity of the abetto and to welcome all identifying Jews who have decided to follow in the footsteps of Ruth or to grasp the heritage passed to them by either healthier inclusivist approach parent?

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By JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG or the 50th time, the lights will go out in Cannes this week and out of the darkness will come surprise, joy and sorrow.

And perhaps a hit or two. Cannes calls itself an "international film festival," but "film frenzy" would now seem closer to the mark. For a dozen days, a strip of Mediterranean beachfront property 300 meters wide and one and a half km long will become the most photographed, most videotaped, most recorded patch of real estate in the world.

Four thousand photographers, TV crew members and journalists are expected this year - more, local tourism officials predict, than for any other event in history, including the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

By yacht, jet, train and automobile, another 4,000 producers, agents and wheeler-dealers - double the figure only two years ago will be arriving to set up shop in palatial, wedding-cake hotels along the shorefront boulevard called La Croisette. In their luggage will be more than 1,000 new movies for sale.

The population of this quiet French Riviera town, now 70,000, should almost triple, and its narrow, sun-washed streets will be clogged with Ferraris and Rolls-Royces, rubbernecks and would-be starlets hoping against hope to catch somebody's eye.

In the seaside Palace of Festivals, projectionists will be busy from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m. Last year, at the festival and concurrent International Film Market, more than 3,000 km of celluloid was

The impact of all this frenzied activity on the world's fantasy life finds its quintessential expression at a dingy set of concrete steps, flanked by metal banisters, leading from La Croisette into the Palace. By the festival's opening night tomorrow, these otherwise unremarkable stairs will be swathed in red carpeting and flanked by two 25-meter-high glittering palm fronds, symbols and namesakes of Cannes' highest honor, the Palme

d'Or, or Golden Palm. To ascend these steps in black tie or evening gown, under the artifi-

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

s a young child growing up

in Scotland, Evelyn Glennie

" But, when she w

dreamed of becoming "a

hairdresser, a mathematician or

eight, the young Scot began study-

ing the piano. And then, at 16, the

lass auditioned, and to her surprise,

was accepted as a percussion stu-

dent at the Royal Academy of

Music. Today, she is, by her own

admission, the only full-time solo

percussionist in the world and her

career brings her, complete with her

one ton of equipment, to the stage

of the Tel Aviv Performing Arts

Center tonight, for her Israeli debut.

lar story about an ordinary musi-

cian. But in fact, whether Glennie

likes to admit it or not, it is not.

Evelyn Glennie is deaf. She was not

born that way, but, by age 12, she

had completely, lost her hearing.

When people continuously refer to

her as the deaf percussionist she tends to get frustrated. "My deaf-

ness has nothing to do with my

career. Nobody talks about the vio-

linist with the short nose or short

legs. I know people are inclined to

sensationalize, but it annoys me. I

want everyone to concentrate on

my music; after all, that's why I'm

Conducting a phone interview

with a deaf person is something that

this writer has never encountered

before. Here I was in front of my

computer, and from the other side

of the line came the swift speech of

Glennie, answering all my ques-

tions, which she received earlier by

fax. Glennie, 31, speaks perfectly

with an unmistakable Scottish

accent. Only when she finishes

answering all my questions does

she pass the phone to her assistant,

who then relays to her my further

As a child, Glennie reminisces,

"music was a hobby. I listened to

Scottish traditional music which my

parents enjoyed, but none of us

were musicians, music was just one

of many things circulating around

Nowadays, Glennie has a very

busy solo career of recitals, cham-

ber-music concerts and concerts

with orchestras. Her musical styles

are varied and she says they cannot

be categorized. "Style is difficult to

categorize, I play music that I enjoy

and that's the best music of all. I

don't care what it is, as long as I get

emotion from it. The music has to

resonate within me; it can be jolly

She commissions a lot of works

from composers all over the world,

she writes music as well, and she

collaborates with rock and pop

musicians. She recently performed

in New York with Elton John, Stevie

Wonder and Sting. And one of her

favorite musicians is Bjork. "We

or academic or complicated."

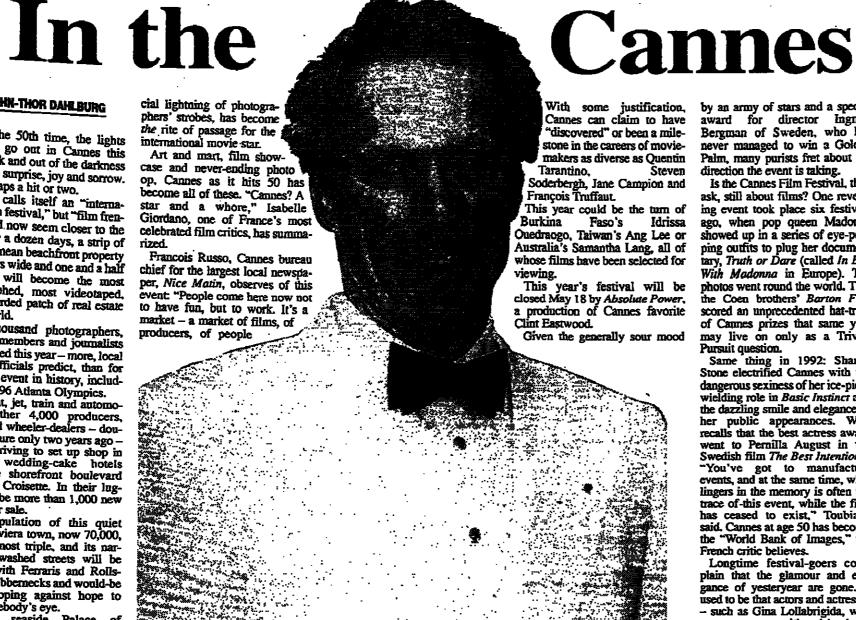
visiting Israel."

questions.

the house."

This could have been just a regu-

The sound of silence



Clint Eastwood's film 'Absolute Power' will close the Cannes festival this year.

and of countries." In its tastes, the critical side of Cannes has been nothing if not all-embracing. Over the decades, Dumbo and the Coen brothers, E.T. and Federico Fellini's La Dolce Vita, Sharon Stone, Sally Field and Elizabeth Taylor, the epics of Japan's Akira Kurosawa and the pounding disco music from Car Wash have all found favor with jurors, audiences and the throngs of ordinary folk who show up yearning for a glimpse of their screen idols. For struggling or little-known

Glennie: 'I want everyone to

concentrate on my music;

after all, that's why I'm here.'

met, experimented and it really

worked, the chemistry was right. We

have six pieces, and two will be fea-

tured on my next compilation CD."

both Brazilian and Japanese music.

The carnival in Rio was very

interesting, there are great percussionists there and the level of their

playing is phenomenal. Everything

is done orally, it was truly from the

heart and to be part of it and sense

At home, Glennie's free time is

very precious. "Socially, I think my

time is pretty well guarded at home.

I don't socialize at all at home, but

spend time with my husband [Greg

Malcangi] who writes music for

television and radio and designs

Glennie's career is progressing in

concert halls and recording studio alike. "I have eight, nine CDs. It's a

different kind of music making. For

me, it's like a frozen moment in

time. You have to decide on an

interpretation, and that's scary. The

whole playing is different, you

think of tone and not of exuberance

and then you have to transmit this

Does Glennie want to explore any

possibilities to improve her hear-

ing? The answer is, quite surpris-

ingly, a very clear no. 'I'm sure it

would be possible to explore medi-

cine and its possibilities, but you

have to remember, you can have it

improved, but will it be a real bene-

fit? I'm basically a silence creator,

I'm quite happy with the way I treat

sound, to do it in a more conven-

tional way would in fact be detri-

mental. For me, the eyes play a big-

Would she have traded her extra-

ordinary career for regaining her

hearing? "I wake up and am very

thankful I'm still a percussionist, it

feels right for me to do. I have no

desire to change that, and let's hope

Evelyn Glennie performs tonight at

the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center

You can also check her website:

http://www.evelyn.co.uk/glennie/

it goes on."

(8:30 p.m.)

ger part in playing than the ears."

exuberance in the studio."

it is quite amazing."

web pages."

Glennie is also influenced by

cinemas in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe, to be included in the festival selection a total of 28 films have been so honored this year, along with other movies to be viewed in separate short-subject and noncompetitive "Un Certain Regard" categories is to make filmdom's major

As for a prize from the Cannes jury, it is dreamed-of recognition from one's peers that can also become the ticket to a global box

of the French these days and because a parliamentary election is now scheduled for May 25 and June 1, Cannes' birthday party could be disrupted by strikes, Deputy Mayor Gilles Cima has warned. French President Jacques Chirac had planned to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations on May 11, but the election campaign has left his plans uncertain.

Though Cannes will be throwing itself a glittering party, replete with movie-theme dance routines, an ascent of the celebrated staircase

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With some justification, by an army of stars and a special Cannes can claim to have award for director Ingmar Bergman of Sweden, who has never managed to win a Golden Palm, many purists fret about the direction the event is taking.

Is the Cannes Film Festival, they ask, still about films? One revealing event took place six festivals ago, when pop queen Madonna showed up in a series of eye-popping outfits to plug her documentary, Truth or Dare (called In Bed With Madonna in Europe). The photos went round the world. That the Coen brothers' Barton Fink scored an unprecedented hat-trick of Cannes prizes that same year may live on only as a Trivial Pursuit question.

Same thing in 1992: Sharon Stone electrified Cannes with the dangerous sexiness of her ice-pickwielding role in Basic Instinct and the dazzling smile and elegance of her public appearances. Who recalls that the best actress award went to Pernilla August in the Swedish film The Best Intentions? "You've got to manufacture events, and at the same time, what lingers in the memory is often the trace of this event, while the film has ceased to exist. Toubiana said. Cannes at age 50 has become the "World Bank of Images," the French critic believes.

Longtime festival-goers complain that the glamour and elegance of yesteryear are gone. It used to be that actors and actresses - such as Gina Lollabrigida, who once came with 14 baby Chihuahuas - would attend festivities from start to finish.

"Now the stars only come for a night, to be photographed, then they leave," said Jean Andrietti, 60, chief doorman at the Carlton Inter-Continental, who is retiring this year after working 45 festi-

Nevertheless, when the lights go out and the first film starts to roll at Cannes this week, Toubiana and many others who share his passion for films will be here. With all the competing festivals in the world from Telluride to Berlin, the French critic contends, there is still nothing like Cannes, with its broad selection, passionate belief that films matter and mix of art and

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IN TUNE

Synth pop is here to stay

By DAVID BRINN

The founding fathers of rock 'n' roll never dreamed that the rallying cry of the '90s would be "Synth pop is here to stay." But a listen to the latest discs by Depeche Mode, Erasure and Jean Michel Jarre indicate that the genre is as varied as rock itself and occasionally capable of some guilty

Cold and detached have been the keywords for Depeche Mode throughout their illustrious career, and Ultra contains some of the most somber material it has ever released. After the huge success of Songs of Faith and Devotion in

> ULTRA **COWBOY**

OXYGENE-1197 Jean Michel Jarre (Helicon)

1993, the band pretty much fell apart, with drug addiction being a major factor. And of course, the path to destruction and its long climb back to recovery is the main topic of Martin Gore's lyrics, which aspire to be spiritual but often wind

up hackneyed and stilted. When the band drives down its tried-and-true electro-dance route for "Barrel of a Gun" and "It's No Good," it sounds convincing and at ease. But when it aims for the heart, the result is a lush, almost crooning style-of mechanical pop that mixes melodies and vocal styles similar to Duran Duran or Simple Minds with programmed music that is soulless

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'Ultra' should prove another success for Depeche Mode, but the band could use some lightening up.

in execution.

Ultra should prove to be another big seller for Depeche Mode, but the band's sound is getting dreary

IRONICALLY, Depeche Mode founder Vince Clarke and his collaborator in Erasure, Andy Bell, have exactly the opposite problem. Their cotton-candied synth pop is so lightweight, it threatens to float

Clark, who left Mode after its first album, has gone on to stardom himself with Pet Shop Boys-styled techno-pop. However, Clark and vocalist Bell are so frivolous in their approach to bright and cheery pop, that a subsequent sampling of Eurovision's Greatest Hits may sound like Black Sabbath in comparison.

"Rain" and "Reach Out," with their hooks as subtle as a mallet, are probably the tunes that will weather time the longest. But it's clear that Erasure could use some substance. And Depeche Mode could do with some lightening up. Perhaps Clark should rejoin his old mates, and we'd have a decent band.

THE self-proclaimed godfather of electronic music, Jean Michel Jarre, is back with a successor to his 1977 breakthrough "Oxygene." While most synthesizer geeks tend to pro-duce mechanical, depersonalized music, Jarre manages to keep things fresh and interesting. However, unless you're really into the blips and bleeps of music like Tubular Bells," it's doubtful you'll be able to listen to this all the way through.

Drama prizes

By HELEN KAYE

The Tel Aviv Community Theater won the Doris Kershner Best Production award for its inventive The Bald Soprano by Ionesco, at the EADI English Amateur Drama Festival held during Pessah at Tel Aviv's Yad Lebanim. Best Performer went to Charles Alberts for Len in Pinter's The Dwarfs presented by the Jerusalem Stage Players, and in a surprise award, the British Council presented Kelly Hartog of the Jerusalem English Speaking Theater with Best Director for Mr Big. The prize was a return ticket

REVIEWS

in brief

Theater

The Bertonov Auditorium was graced with the Israeli premiere of Edward Albee's 1991 play, Three Tall Women ("Shalosh Nashim Gvohor"). One of the few major dramatists to emerge in the United States in the 1960s, Albee made his mark in Broadway, and thereafter around the Western world in 1964 with Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, a scathing satire on academia. It would be insincere to pretend that Three Tall Women in any way adds to his hitherto highly lustrous reputa-

Less a drama than a piece of personal documentation, it is the retrospective life record of a slightly senile woman played, with plenty of panache and not a few mannerisms, by Lia Koenig. Nasty and narcissistic, the audience sees her as eminently unlikable, as evidently did the playwright. According to the program notes, she is the stage personification of his unloving, unlovable adoptive mother.

The other two tall ladies are Tatiana Cannelis-Olier, the heroine's middle-age reincarnation, and Yael Hadar, the evocation of her youthful self. A young actress of undoubted talent, Hadar gives a refreshing and by far the most engaging perfor-

mance of the evening.

The material, although it deals in secret veins of marital relations, erotic intimacies and sexual starvation, depends on disclosures of a kind that in our day fail to scandalize as those of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? did.

Again, all the accompanying ailments of advanced old age make Albee's old lady deeply depressing. But worse, tied to an eccentric dramatic structure in a real-surreal patchwork, the action soon begins to pall. To put it plainly, despite Jack Messenger's frantic attempts to liven things up with dynamic directing (complete with choreography in the second part), the work, as staged and most probably as written, is nothing less Naomi Doudai than boring.

Concerts

Paris in the 1940s was the haven for American jazz artists who no longer found a welcome mat for their music in the US. Perhaps, in the 1990s, Tel Aviv will be the haven for American blues artists who just can't find a decent club in New York or Los Angeles.

If last Wednesday's concert at the Tel Aviv municipality's Einav Center is any indication, American blues artists will find a solid audience for their music in Israel. US import Ronnie Peterson, the guitarist



(Avi Haze'ev)

who has brought in a steady stream of US bluesmen, shared the stage with Chicago pianist Ken Saydak, and the result was one of the best performances Israel has ever hosted.

For nearly two hours, Peterson and Saydak played nonstop blues. Unlike some of the more famous artists who have come here, the two musicians, backed up by Peterson's excellent band, did not play down to the crowd. There was no jiving, no patronizing - just two veterans giving their all. Theirs was a performance that one would have difficulty finding even in the blues clubs of New York.

Peterson, who has been in Israel for about seven years and is engaged to an Israeli, began the concert with several tunes from Howlin Wolf and Eddie Boyd, playing his guitar with a combi-nation of intensity and flawless technique. Filling in Peterson's loping lines was Saydak's fluid piano. Then, Peterson took a step back and Saydak sang his goodtime blues. Saydak's high point was his rendition of the Percy Mayfield classic ballad Please Send Me Someone to Love."

Playing two hours of blues contains plenty of pitfalls. The biggest challenge is how to make the music sufficiently varied when most of the songs contain three chords played over a 12bar framework. Still, just when the concert seemed in danger of dragging, Peterson and his group reached a high. It came with his rendition of the slow blues "Bad Luck." Peterson's guitar moaned like a woman possessed and his normally soft voice pleaded and shouted his innocence. His backup for this and the other closing tunes was Dov Hammer, a marvelous harmonica player whom Peterson has termed the best in Israel.

The packed auditorium was ecstatic. This was a mixed audience of motorcycle jackets and elderly Ashkenazim clapping their hands as if they were in a kibbutz dance hall.

"You got a great place here," Saydak said at one point in the

"That," replied Peterson, resplendent in black suit and tie, "is because we have nowhere else to go."

It has been a long time since the Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion played so well when rising from the opera pit. But at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, under the fiery, precise and guiding baton of Yoav Talmi, who should definitely get more conducting dates on home turf, the musicians delivered a powerful, exciting, warm and masterly reading of Rachmaninoff's seldom-played Second Symphony. Granted, this was not foolproof and there were occasional lapses: a brass instrument missed a note here, a wind instrument was out of balance there, but these are misdemeanors compared with the overall achievement of this performance.

Talmi drew a solid, warm and intense sound from the orchestra, and gave the music all its due. This was also apparent before the intermission when the orchestra accompanied - with style, precision and devotion - Pnina Saltzman playing Chopin's First Piano Concerto. It was a brooding rendition of this most beloved opus, a performance leading heavily to agony and avoiding ecstasy as much as possible, a performance of a mature musician who is undoubtedly very close to the music she plays in what seems effortless ease and élan.

Altogether, a first-rate concert in which orchestra, conductor and soloist alike were in tune with one another, and with the music they were playing.

The main asset of Rossini's Barber of Seville, in its revival at the New Israeli Opera, was the already acclaimed direction by Dario Fo. Its wit, good taste, atmosphere and inventiveness are amusing and provide enjoyable entertainment. The cumulative effect of constantly moving furniture, and objects flying incessantly through the air, however, tends to repetitiveness and · The fact that first-rate singers too are an indispensable

requirement of opera seems to have been a secondary consideration. The one who stole the show, somewhat surprisingly, was Bartolo, impersonated by Gordon Sandison. He took the comicality of a basso buffo seriously, and thoroughly understood what it means and how to express it, vocally as well as dramatically. Amalia Ishak was a pure joy as Berta; she displayed all the coquettishness and vocal brilliance that transformed her performance of this minor character into a major event.

The rest was a lot of good intentions, touching in their efforts to realize them. Tenor Luigi Petroni, as Almaviva, lacked this ardent lover's vocal radiance. Marcin Bronikowsky, pleasant though his baritone was, did not radiate the title role's proverbial sparkle. Rosina, as performed by mezzo-soprano Linda Pavelka, sang and acted like a well-behaved girl from a good family, but did not express this character's typical light touch and studied innocence. Bass Leonard Graus, as Basilio, proved that "La calumnia" turns out pale when not rendered with shattering force and contrasts of dynamics.

The Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion's playing, under Jonathan Webb's direction, was mostly accurate and well-polished. The moral of the story is that even a comic opera deserves to be taken seriously, at least as far as the subtle art of casting is concerned. Ury Eppstein

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Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week

BUSINESS

James River, Fort Howard In \$5.8b. merger

James River Corp. and Fort Howard Corp. said yesterday they agreed to a \$5.8 billion merger that will create one of the US's largest makers of tissues, napkins and other paper products. The merged company, to be called Fort James Corp.; will have annual sales of about \$7b., with brands such as Quilted Northern bathroom tissue, Brawny paper towels, Vanity Fair napkins and Dixie paper cups, the companies said. The merged company was expected to offer stiffer competition to Kimberley-Clark Corp., Georgia-Pacific Corp. and other larger tissue and paper producers, in the US as well as in Europe.

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Under the deal, Fort Howard shareholders would get 1.375 shares of Fort James stock for each Fort Howard share, equal to \$42.45 a share based on Friday's closing prices. Including assumption of Fort Howard debt, left from the company's buyout in the 1980s, the deal would be worth \$5.8b. James River and Fort Howard expect cost savings of \$150 million in 1998 and more in later years from the merger from cutting jobs where there is duplication and improving efficiency.

Reuter

EU seeks clear power over air alliances

The European Commission is expected to propose rules tomorrow that would give it clear and undisputable jurisdiction over alliances between EU and non-EU airlines. The controversial move is aimed at avoiding future battles with national governments over its legal competence to vet deals similar to those announced last year between British Airways and AMR Corp's American Airlines, and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Northwest Airlines Inc. It is not be the first time the commission has tried to take full power over international mega-alliances involving EU-based airlines. An attempt in 1989 ran into opposition from almost all EU states.

Commission officials and European antitrust experts think it might stand a better chance now as transatlantic deals have mushroomed, raising arising fears that fair competition and consumers might lose out.

Ukraine plans summer Eurobond issue

Cash-strapped Ukraine plans to raise some money on interna-tional markets by launching its first-ever Eurobond issue before the end of Angust, a central bank official said yesterday. The government hopes to attract \$200 million to \$300m. with the issue, said Sergei Yaryomenko, director of hard currency regula-tion department at the National Bank of Ukraine.

Those figures are somewhat less than the \$500m, that Ukrainian officials had talked about after neighboring Russia launched a successful Eurobond issue last November. Ukraine is now seeking a credit rating and a Western or Asian partner for the issue, Yaryomenko told the Interfax news agency during a meeting of bankers from the former Soviet republics in the Crimean resort of Yalta.

The slow pace of economic reforms and an increasing reputation for corruption have stifled investment in Ukraine, with direct foreign investment amounting to only \$1.4 billion since it gained independence in 1991. A successful issue would help plug the budget deficit, which was 5.5 percent of the gross domestic product in the first quarter of 1997, ascording to government statistics released yesterday.

The government has yet to push a 1997 budget past parliament, and it owes workers and pensioners the equivalent of more than \$1.5b, in wage and pension arrears from 1996. AP

Eldan wins contract with Defense Ministry

Car rental company Eldan has won the contract to lease vehicles to the Defense Ministry over the next three years. The deal is said to be worth tens of millions of shekels. This is one of the largest such contacts in recent years, according to the company. The contract also contains an option to extend the deal on a

MANBAR

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In 1991, Manbar contacted Israeli intelligence, but failed to report his dealings with Iran. In 1992, he was warned to stop dealing with Iran immediately, and ostensibly agreed, but continued

Manbar was also charged with obstructing justice. The charge relates to a meeting after his arrest with Yossi Leit, his business manager in Israel. A police officer was

present at the meeting and the two were ordered to only talk busi-

But it was discovered that together with business-related documents, Manbar handed Leit a piece of paper asking him to meet a woman in England. The woman. read the indictment, is also involved in Manbar's Iranian transactions. Left flew to England and gave her Manbar's instructions, and also informed her of his arrest, contrary to the ban on its publication.

The closed trial will be held before three judges.

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Ross will investigate "what the parties are willing to do to get the process going," State Department deputy spokesman John Dinger said yesterday.

In contrast to Israeli expecta-tions, a US official said Ross is not bringing a new package based on his visit two weeks ago.

Arafat, who returned from consulting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo about the upcoming meeting, told reporters in Gaza that he has full confidence in Weizman. However, he charged that Netanyahu was not working

Unflapped by the accusation, Israeli officials commented later that they would not allow the PA head to drive a wedge between the president and the government.

Liat Collins adds: MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), head of the Land of Israel Front, sent a letter to the prime minister last night expressing concern at the possibility that the president would agree to concessions during his

diplomatic process. "Making gestures to those who don't abide by their obligations would make us suckers twice

meeting with Arafat as a means of

relieving the stalemate in the

over," Kleiner said. In the letter, he asked whether the president is working of his own accord, in which case he said he would be raising false hopes among the Palestinians; or whether the steps were being taken in conjunction with the prime minister, which Kleiner said constitutes a violation of a ministerial commitment to let all coalition partners in

ISRAEL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY Jordan Border Frontier Crossing Posts

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

On Thursday, May 8, the Moslem new year, the Jordan River and Arava frontier crossing posts will be closed.

These posts will reopen on Friday, May 9.

Strauss poised to take over Elite

Merger to dominate food industry once approved by regulators

The Strauss group, Israel's second largest dairy producer, is expected to announce this week its takeover of Elite, the nation's largest chocolate and sweets producer, company sources confirmed yesterday.

Anti-Trust Commissioner David Tadmor has reportedly given his tacit approval for the \$62 million deal, though he has yet to do so

Elite and Strauss, with annual

turnovers last year of \$700m. and \$226m. respectively, are the coun-try's second and fifth largest food producers. The merger is likely to result in a company bigger than Tnuva, the nation's largest food

The final date set for an official announcement is Sunday, according to a Buy Me, Buy You (BMBY) clause exercised by the Federman group, which currently controls Elite.

Earlier this week Tadmor gave a draft of the proposed agreement to the Strauss group, which in turn

ed to impose on Strauss, relating to competitive practices pitting similar products made by the company's difficult brands against one another, particularly puddings, of which Stranss is a lead-

ing manufacturer.
The Strauss group opposed some of the proposed restrictions, but sources close to the group esti-

entatives of Strauss and

In the proposal, Tadmor stressed a meeting to conclude the matter was scheduled for last night. The agreement between the two

is expected to be all but sealed Once furnished with Tadmor's approval: Strauss is to convene a

final meeting, after which it will formally convey to Federman its decision to buy his shares.

The Federman group exercised its BMBY rights 55 days ago, offering Strauss its stake in Elite at NIS 38 per Series 1 share and NIS 67.25 for Series 5.

The Strauss group currently holds 17.7 percent of Elite's capital share with a 19% controlling share, while the Federman group has 13% of capital share with a 27% controlling share.
As the price set by Federman is

in shekels, and is not indexlinked, the Strauss group is expected to pay \$62m. \$63m. for the shares by the end of the altorted period.

According to the BMBY agree ment terms, Strauss has 60 days in which to pay following the amouncement. Globes

Treasury: No firm figure for budget cut

By DAVID HARRIS

"No figure has been agreed upon for a cut in the state budget," Budget Director David Milgrom said yesser-

Giving his first interview since his appointment in March, Milgrom denied yesterday's media reports that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister
Dan Mendor have agreed to a public
spending cut of between NIS 700
million and NIS 800m.

He also denied speculation that Meridor, Netanyahu and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel had spoken of a NIS 1 billion cut during

their meetings before Pessah.

The cut is being discussed as a possible way to return the budget deficit to the government-set target of 2.8 percent of gross domestic

During the briefing, Milgrom accused the central bank of building up a NIS 2b. public deficit last year in its attempt to manipulate the shekel against the basket of currencles to ensure it remains within the government's inflationary goals."

Denying that he was challenging the independence of the central bank, Milgrom said he fully supports the bank being at arm's length. However, he pointed out the Bank of Israel Law instructs the bank to meet government targets.

statement claiming the cost of manipulating the exchange rate is proving to be less expensive than if interest rates were lowered and there was thus an increase in inflation.

However, earlier in the day Milgrom challenged the idea that in recent years there has been a direct correlation between inflation and interest rates, with the exception of fruit and vegetables and apartment

The attack on the central bank was part of a wider assault on those who place non-budgeted demands on the state treasury. He said the key to a healthy economy is keeping within the agreed budget and its list of pri-crities. He outlined five areas where there are ongoing excesses that are not budgeted:

 Private legislation introduced following the annual budget debate. Non-reasonable wage agree-

 Budgetary demands from nongovernmental public bodies, such as

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Despite these concerns Milgrom said the last item on his agenda would be the introduction of a second budget in 1997, nor does he favor the idea of two budgets in any

Mexicans protest NAFTA

Eisenberg estate plot thickens with appearance of earlier will

A debtors organization attaches a banner to Mexico City's Angel of Independence monument, protesting the effects of NAFTA in advance of US President Bill Clinton's first visit to the country yesterday.

By YOAV YITZHAK and Jerusalem Post Staff

Shoul Eisenberg, the late tycoon whose inheritance has generated a family feud, had originally written an entirely different will, leaving half his estate to his wife Leah and his five daughters, according to sources close to

Back then, in 1975, Eisenberg also willed the remaining half of the currently estimated \$1.3 billion estate to his son, Erwin.

That, apparently, is for now the only will of which the family here possesses an original

According to Leah Eisenberg, the original copy of the new will, from 1986, was not presented by Erwin Eisenberg, who admitted it was not in his possession and that he did not know who possessed it.

Last week the press learned that Eisenberg bequeathed 80 percent of his property to Erwin and completely deprived his estranged daughter Esther of any portion of his inheritance. The

remaining 20% was to be evenly distributed among another three daughters, and the widower of a fourth.

Meanwhile, Leah Eisenberg, who was left in the new will with \$2 million and the family home in Israel, yesterday filed with the Family Affairs Court a claim for half the estate, based on the "presumption of partnership."

She will shortly apply to the District Court to have an administrator appointed to the estate on her behalf. At the same time, Ya'acov Ne'eman is representing Erwin Eisenberg.
The 1975 will, copies of which are held by

various members of the Eisenberg family, bequeathed a portion of the estate to his estranged daughter Esther Zochovitsky. That will is signed by only one witness.

The new will completely disinherits Esther

Zochovitsky due to her husband's falling from favor with his father-in-law following Eisenberg's suspicions that his son-in-law had Ultimately, Eisenberg wrote another will, but

embezzled from him.

whether or not it was annulled is not known,

and if it is still valid it is not known who holds

As far as is known, the original will has not yet been presented to the heirs, or even to the administrators of the estate, including lawyer

The will, which was presented by Erwin Eisenberg to the heirs on April 10 in the form of a reduced-scale photocopy, is presumed to be that of November 7, 1986.

Leah Eisenberg said her late husband underwent heart surgery at about that time. Since he feared the outcome of this opera-

tion, he may have hastily signed the new will, and then, since the operation succeeded, may have taken steps to obtain and destroy the orig-This is a reasonable explanation, the widow

suggests, of the fact that the will of November 1986 (which she says is no longer valid), has not yet been found, while a copy of it is now being presented, with no satisfactory explanation as to the origin of the photocopy.

Lack of funds puts Railway 2000 project in doubt

By DAVID HARRIS

Israel's Railway 2000 project is in doubt because of a lack of funding, according to National Infrastructure Ministry spokesman Ra'anan Gissin.

While touring the lines around Tel Aviv yesterday, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon was shown existing repair work and improvement programs that cannot be completed within Israel Railway's current budget. A subdivision of the Ports and

Railways Authority, Israel Railways is negotiating with the Treasury for a NIS 200 million-NIS 250m. increase in this year's NIS 500m. budget.

The cost of the Railway 2000 project is estimated at NIS



ently enough to scare Mr. Suharto ...

600m., but so far the Treasury has only budgeted NIS 100m.

"In order to fund Railway 2000, we will have to sell company assets," said Gissin. The authority is expected to be broken up before the end of the year, with a state company being

set up immediately to raise capital to pay for infrastructure improvements. The company, likely to be operational early next year, will begin a process of asset stripping to make the railways a

more attractive proposition for prospective investors. The principal receipts will come from sales of the company's extensive real estate.

The state-run company will make the necessary improvements and prepare new lines before privatizing the tracks, possibly on a line-by-line basis, similar to the planned deregulation of the bus monopolies Dan and Egged.

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 Upgrading the Tel Aviv-Beersheba line to include new stations and reduce journey time from 90 minutes to less than 70. Upgrading the existing Tel Aviv-Jerusalem line, while continuing to work on a new route

alongside Highway 45. Other work currently budgeted for includes the doubling of tracks in the Kiryat Motzkin area and between Tel Aviv and Lod. Work on the latter is progressing at some 800 meters a day.

New lines to Jordan and links between the territories are not included in the immediate plans. given the financial situation, but

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Among the plans for Railway Sharon hopes that with the help of foreign private investors these plans will also be implemented, more likely after 2000.

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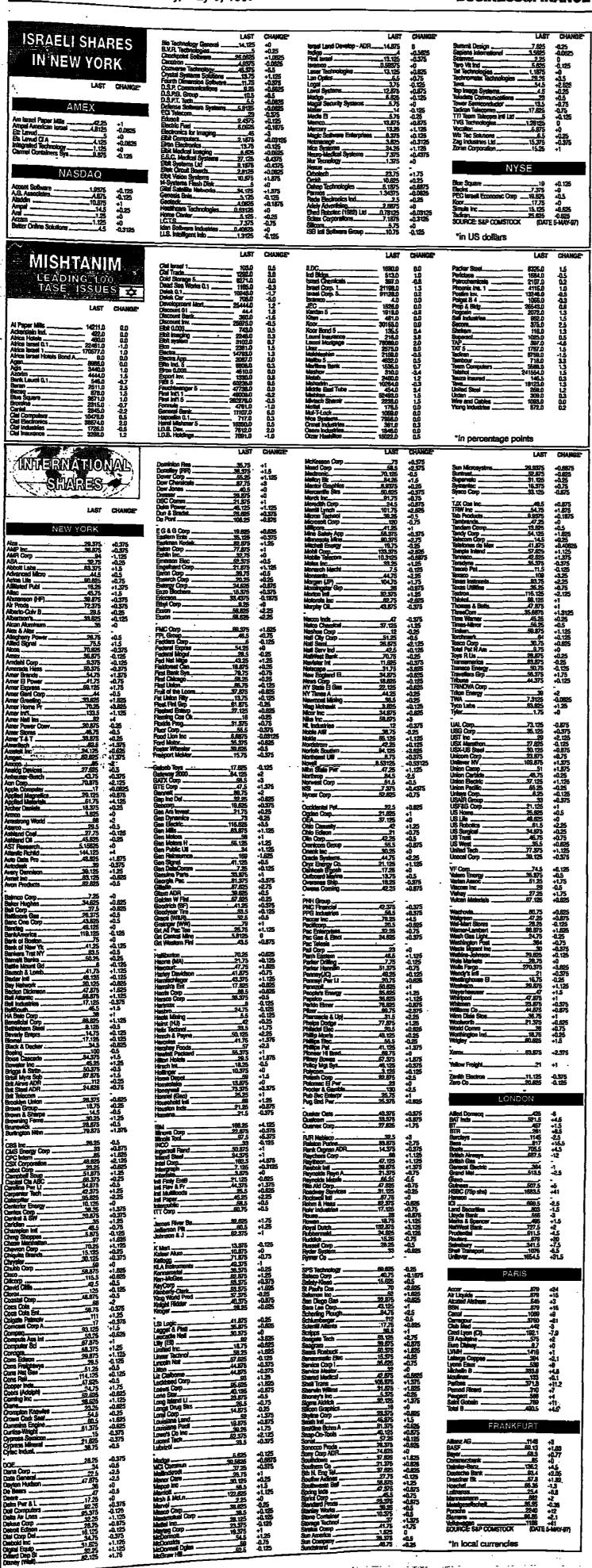
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Stock indexes rose yesterday for a fourth day on news of a possible

The Maof Index of 25 issues rose 0.13 percent to 269.25, and the Mishtanim Index of 100 issues rose 0.33% to 260.25,

The general bond index rose 0.10%.

Gaining shares were led by Leumi Insurance, which rose 3.75% amid speculation that foreign investors were purchasing the company, said Mark Meiras, the managing director investment firm

Mediterranean, at Herzilya. "There was a lot of buying today, and I think it was foreign

buying," he said. Political developments boosting

share prices included news that President Ezer Weizman is due to meet Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat in an effort to renew security cooperation and move talks forward.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Ministry officials, including Finance Minister Dan Meridor, have met to discuss possible budget cuts.

"The positive trend in the market is continuing," said Dan Alt, a broker at Tel Aviv investment firm Nesuah Trading, "Weizman and Arafat may, finally, move the peace process forward, and it seems there will be a budget cut."

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

German, French shares boosted by Dow

LONDON (Reuter) - German stocks closed at new record highs vesterday and the Paris bourse ended firmer as Wall Street moved ahead again following its storming close last week.

In currency dealing the dollar recovered from troughs against the mark and yen in late Europe after ambling sideways in narrow dealings, but the market was subdued because of a market holiday in Britain.

The Dow was up around 25 points when European trading drew to a close. This follows its 94.72 point, or 1.36 percent, rise to a new peak on Friday.

This was enough to help push Frankfurt's Dax index of floor trading and the IBIS Dax index of electronic trade to new records.

of 3,474.28 points to end bourse up 68.41 points, or nearly 2% at 3,528.78 points, just off an all-time high of 3,533.18 points reached earlier in the session. The IBIS Dax ended at 3,565 points, up around 2.1%.

French shares closed higher supported by Wall Street, but trading in Paris also suffered from low volumes because of the absence of London, Europe's biggest stock exchange. The market earlier took heart

from an opinion poll putting the center-right coalition in a comfortable-but-reduced lead over the Socialists. Prime Minister Alain Juppe said he thought the election contest was getting closer.

The blue-chip CAC-40 index closed up 17.53 points, or 0.66%, at 2,672.84.

WALL STREET REPORT

The 30-share DAX comfortably

exceeded a previous record high

Dow hits new record

Jones industrial average shot Nabisco had prevailed against a terday, soaring more than 140 points on a late buying frenzy to complete a speedy recovery from the market's recent tumbles.

On Wall Street, the Dow gained 143.29 points - or 2 percent - to close at 7.214.49. The push was

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow that rival cigarette maker RJR Broader stock measures also rallied, boosting several to record

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SPORTS

Banin trying out with Liverpool

National soccer team captain Tal Banin arrived in Liverpool on Monday, and yesterday began a week's trials with the famed Merseyside club.

Banin took part in a first, easy training session yesterday in appalling weather conditions as the club prepared for a crucial league fixture with Wimbledon tomorrow. He will remain in England until next Monday by which time Liverpool manager Roy Evans hopes to evaluate the Hapoel Haifa player's suitability for his club.

If he signs for the Mighty Reds, Banin will become the third Israeli to play for Liverpool, following in the footsteps of Avi Cohen and

UK papers: Klinsmann linked with Everton

LONDON (Reuter) - Bayern Munich striker Juergen Klinsmann will have talks with Everton chairman Peter Johnson within the next 48 hours, British newspapers reported yesterday. According to the reports, Johnson is desperate to rebuild his ailing Premier League club around the German captain who was an immediate success at Tottenham two seasons ago and won England's Player of the Year award.

Klinsmann, 32, has made it clear he would love to return to Britain but has refused to make any further comment.

Larry Brown gets 76ers' coaching job

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - After failing to revive the team with inexperienced leadership, the Philadelphia 76ers yesterday hired one of basketball's great vagabonds as their next coach - Larry Brown. Brown, who is joining his sixth NBA team, will also be head of personnel and reportedly will earn \$25 million over five years. (See earlier story in World of Sport)

Tony Banks named new British sports minister

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's new Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair appointed maverick left-winger Tony Banks as sports minister yesterday.

Banks, who like outgoing Prime Minister John Major is a keen supporter of Chelsea Football Club, is fiercely opposed to foxhunting and renowned in parliament for his sharp wit.

Ken Doherty wins world snooker crown

SHEFFIELD (Reuter) - Ken Doherty of Ireland beat Stephen Hendry of Scotland 18-12 in the final to win the World Professional snooker championship last night.

Russia, US win at world ice hockey championshps

HELSINKI (Reuter) - Russia and the US posted upset wins over the reigning Olympic and world champions yesterday opening up the race for medals at the ice hockey world champi-

Russia scored once in each of the first two periods then rode the goaltending of Maxim Mikhailovski to a 4-1 win over Sweden. It was the Olympic champions' first loss of the tournament having gone through round-robin play undefeated.

Earlier in the day, Ted Donato of the Boston Bruins scored a pair of second period goals as the US held on to beat defending champions, the Czech Republic, 4-3.

Red Wings take 2-0 series lead with triple OT win

DETROIT (Reuter) - The Russian ed his eighth career playoff shutout connection came through big time and Brian Leetch scored a powerfor the Red Wings Sunday as Detroit play goal in the first period as the grabbed a 2-0 lead in the best-of-New York Rangers posted a 2-0 vicnals with a triple overtime victory.

Vyacheslav Kozlov took a pass from Vladimir Konstantinov and scored a powerplay goal 91 seconds into the sixth period to give the Red Wings their second consecutive overtime win.

Anaheim defenceman JJ. Daigneault drew a penalty 63 seconds into the third overtime for hooking Doug Brown to break up a semi-breakaway.

Just 28 seconds Konstantinov found Kozlov, who fired a slap shot from the right faceoff circle that cleanly beat goaltender Mikhail Shtalenkov, ending the

At New Jersey, Mike Richter post-

tory over the Eastern Conference semifinal series at one game apiece.

At Colorado, the defending Stanley Cup champions continued their stellar play at home to grab a two games to none lead in their Western Conference semifinal with the Edmonton Oilers. Scott Young and Claude Lemieux

scored powerplay goals and Patrick Roy made 42 saves to lead the Avalanche to a 4-1 win.

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Mac. TA closes in on hoops title

League champion beats Hap. Jerusalem 90-87 in Game 2 of playoffs

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Live by the three-pointer, die by the three-

That's more or less what happened to Hapoel Jerusalem last night when Adi Gordon, whose long-range baskets kept his team ahead of Maccabi Tel Aviv for most of the second half, missed one in the final minute, allowing Maccabi to complete a comeback and take game two in the series, 90-

By the time this series is over there may be only enough players left for a four-on-four game. Buck Johnson joined the growing list of players banished from the Maccabi-Hapoel wars early in the first half after he punched Billy Thompson in the face under the basket. It was Johnson's second ejection in as many games at Malha He was kicked out for spitting at referee Moshe Biton during his team's last visit to Jerusalem, and will likely miss the rest of the series should it go to five games, since he is already on probation for that inci-

Doron Shefa and Brad Leaf had been thrown out of Game One for fighting, and didn't play last night.

In the end, however, it was Jerusalem who missed Thompson more than Maccabi missed Johnson, as Hapoel had nobody inside to stop Randy White. White was the man of the game for Maccabi, scoring 21 points but more importantly grabbing 15 rebounds, six on the offensive boards, to keep Maccabi on the

comeback trail late in the game. Few would have believed Maccabi would have needed a comeback at all judging by the first half. While Hapoel had only Gordon to rely on, Maccabi rolled out its secret offensive weapon after Johnson was banished: Constantin Popa.

Not only did Popa score nine points himself in the half, he also fed the ball effectively to his teammates, especially Oded Katash. The two were largely responsible for a second-half flurry that put Maccabi up 46-38 at halftime, along with Maccabi's incredible 23-7 advantage on the backboards, largely due to Thompson's absence, recovering from the blow from Johnson and three early personal

White continued his onslaught in the second half, and Maccabi led 58-51 before Jerusalem

season, hit a three-pointer that seemed to light a spark among coach Gadi Kedar's charges. Pani Turgerman hit one, then Gordon did, and in no time Jerusalem had tied it at 63.

The threes continued to run wild, however, as Dan Bingenheimer hit one before Gordon swished another bomb, and suddenly Jerusalem led 69-63 with 8:40 to play, as the crowd of more than 3,000 Jerusalem fans went wild.

But the experience Maccabi has garnered in winning 23 straight playoff final series games dating back to May 1993 showed. When the going got tough, the tough got going, led by Katash, who answered immediately with a three of his own. A basket by Borko Radovic brought Maccabi to within one, but then Levy converted a three-point play and Jerusalem was still comfortably ahead. When Motti Daniel added two more foul shots, Jerusalem had an 81-70 cushion, and the celebrations were starting in the stands.

But Maccabi wouldn't say die. White kept pounding the boards, Doron Sheffer hit a crucial three-pointer of his own, and Katash hit er than many imagined.

unleased a secret weapon of its own. Reserve from the line, and Zvi Sherf's club was down forward Pini Levy, who has played little this just 83-80. Jerusalem's poor foul shooting down the stretch and a turnover by Bingenheimer hurt their cause, and two foul shots by White knotted it at 86 with 50 seconds to play.

Radovic missed a three, but Motti Daniel missed a lay-up inside and Nadav Henefeld scored on the ensuing fast break to put Maccabi ahead 88-86. Gordon also got infected by the Jerusalem foul-shooting bug, missing one of two at a crucial juncture. But his more important miss was a three-point attempt with just under 20 seconds left that rimmed the basket and ended what otherwise was a valiant effort by the Thompson-less and Doron Shefa-less Jerusalemites.

Gordon led Jerusalem with 32, while Katash, who had another fine game, scored 21 for Maccabi.

With Johnson scheduled to sit out game three tomorrow night, Jerusalem's chances may improve, but they'll have to find some way of putting a body on White and improv-ing their own foul shooting if they don't want to see Maccabi crowned champions far quick-

Veteran table tennis champion

Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden captured his second world table tennis singles title eight years after he won his first with a masterful demolition of young Belarussian Vladimir Samsonov yesterday. The 31-year-old Swede, who last won in 1989, mercilessly exposed the limitations of the strapping 21-year-old from Minsk as he reversed a 21-6, 21-7 defeat by Samsonov in the team event last week. After sealing his 21-12, 21-17, 21-13 victory with a winning smash through Samsonov's backhand, Waldner collapsed on the court in disbelief at what he had achieved. In the women's final, Olympic champion Deng Yaping stepped up a gear after losing the opening game and overwhelmed fellow Chinese Wang Nan 12-21, 21-8, 21-11, 21-10 to retain her world title. (Reuter)

Man. Utd., Rangers titles still on hold

LONDON (Reuter) - Manchester United's hopes of virtually wrapping up the English League title were thwarted when they were held to a 3-3 draw by Middlesbrough in a dramatic match at rain-lashed Old Trafford yesterday.

Middlesbrough, coached by former Manchester United captain Bryan Robson, led United 1-0 and 3-1 but in the end were glad to settle for a point in their battle to avoid relegation, although it looks likely their Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli. who damaged a hamstring, will miss the rest of the season, including the FA Cup final

against Chelsea on May 17.

Ham next Sunday.

It also means that both Liverpool (67 points from 36 games) and Newcastle (63 from 35) could yet pip United, chasing their fourth title in five years.

weeks ago, remain second from bottom with 37 points from 36 matches but showed enough spirit and determination which could yet save them

en chance to seal a record-equalling ninth consecutive Scottish championship yesterday when relegationthreatened Motherwell shocked the Glasgow giants 2-0 at Ibrox.

one point to take the title and equal

secured the win for Motherwell and Rangers must now gain the point they need from a visit to Dundee United tomorrow or at Hearts on Saturday.

Rangers started apprehensively

and Coyle swept his left foot shot beyond goalkeeper Andy Dibble.

The dejected Rangers players were booed off at the end and it was a sad Ibrox farewell for captain Richard Gough who leaves for Kansas City Wizards in the US Major Soccer League at the end of

Holocaust Day delays start of **Eisenberg Open**

By ORI LEWIS

A late decision by tournament Freiman Eisenberg director Danny brought Jerusalem Open to a halt yesterday morning as the organizers decided to take heed of pleas not to play on Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.
The first round of the \$50,000

ATP Tour Challenger tennis tournament was due to get under way yesterday but various queries from people prompted Freiman to call a halt to proceedings.

"The tournament is a place of work for the players who are professionals. We had hoped to schedule matches only the foreign players (yesterday), but in the end we realized that it made no difference where the players came from, and to avoid hurting people's feelings we preferred to put off play for one day," Freiman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Freiman said that the orga nizers had never encountered such a problem before. "The event is not considered an 'entertainment event' and tickets have not been sold to the

A re-working of the schedule has meant that all 16 firstround singles matches will be played today, starting at 10:30. Events should get back to normal tomorrow, and matches will return to the original starting time of 13:00. Saturday's final will be

played at 10:30. The matches are being held at the Israel Tennis Center in the

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The result leaves United, who also came from two goals down to force a draw at Leicester on Saturday, on 71 points with two home matches to play against Newcastle on Thursday and West

Middlesbrough, who also drew 3-3 at Old Trafford against Chesterfield in the FA Cup three

from the drop. In Scotland, Rangers blew a gold-

Walter Smith's side needed just

arch-rival Celtic's title-winning run from 1966 to 1974. A double strike by Owen Coyle

and after just seven minutes Coyle had silenced the partisan Ibrox

Ian Ross knocked the ball square

The Ibrox faithful were stunned when Motherwell made sure of the win through a Coyle penalty seven minutes from time after a clumsy Ian Durrant challenge on Micky Weir in the box.

public," he said.

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free on all days.

LOCAL SCENE

Ran reaches 140 in ATP Tour rankings

By HEATHER CHAIT

Tennis: The latest ATP Tour rankings, released yesterday have Eyal Ran at 140 in the singles and 131 in

the doubles. Behind Ran in the singles are Oren Motevassel at 194, Eyal Erlich at 211, Raviv Weidenfeld at 253, Nir Welgreen at 260.

Skydiving: If you cast your gaze up today, instead of birds, you'll see humans performing antics in air. The three-day national skydiving championships begin today at Habonim Beach with entrants producing their stunts from 12,000 meters high during sixty seconds. Boaz Goren, from Kibbutz

Hagoshrim, is the favorite and is expected to be chosen to represent Israel in the world championships in Turkey in September. Golf: Basil Kaufman won the A

division of the monthly medal tournament at Caesarea with a score of 72. Behind him on 76 were Ran Sandler and Dick Fogelson but Sandler's better back-nine assured him of second place. Eliran Avnaim, whose age equals his 12 handicap, continues to prove he is no fluke. He won the B division with an 84 gross - 72 net. On 73 and second place were Morris Alhadeff, Eli Hassan and Dan Levron. The day's best score of 69 went to Sam Federman

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Rosenthal won the D division with

Bowls: Ramat Gan is hanging on firmly to the lead in the Wingate "Fives" Tournament with 32 points after five rounds. Ra'anana is in second place with 29 and Kfar Hamaccabiah has 28. Ramat Gan heads the Fours

Competition and shares the lead with Ra'anana in the Trips. In the Pairs, Ramat Hasharon and the Kfar are sharing the lead and in the singles Ramat Gan, Ra'anana

and the Kfar are joint leaders. Badminton: Reigning national champions Leon Pugach and Svetlana Silberman look on track to add this year's national singles titles to their doubles and mixed doubles

honors. In tomorrow's final at Beit Halohem in Tel Aviv (5pm), Pugach will play Paz Ben-Sira and Silberman's opponent will be Esther Kaufman. Besides pairing up for the mixed doubles title, Pugach took the men's doubles with Eli Raymond while Silberman teamed with Shirli Daniel for the women's doubles win.

The earlier rounds were held last weekend at Kibbutz Hatzor with 80 players competing. These championships will decide

the six-person team (three men, three women) to play in the world championships in Scotland, beginning May 19. Cricket: Current champions, Ashdod A, have their work cut out for them to regain their style from

last season. In the first fixture for 1997, even the new facilities at Hadar Yosef were not enough as the team managed only 240 all out in response to Netanya's 289 for 7 which included a hefty 142 from David Silver. In the other first division match in

Ashdod, Neveh Yonatan scored an easy victory over Young Ashdod. Neveh Yonatan made 338 for 8, Young Ashdod managed only 210 for 9.

In a second division match Petah Tikva sailed through against hosts Beersheba, scoring 141 for 4 against the Negev players' 136 all

National League fixtures this week are Tel Aviv against Lod Lions at Hadar Yosef and Yeroham against hosts Beersheba A. In the second division Eleven Stars will face Ramle in Ashdod and Kiryat Gat will host a visting team from

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THEATER

HELEN KAYE

To some he was a great man maligned. Others despised the man they called Hitler's maestro. He was conductor Wilhelm Furtwängler. Ronald Harwood has captured the epic battle of arts versus politics in Taking Sides (or in Hebrew "The Conductor"). Oded Teomi plays Furtwängler in a taut production directed by Micha Lewensohn. Natan Damer plays the American major out to prove the maestro's guilt. Tonight on the Cameri Theater main stage. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English).

Every few years, playwright Eldad Ziv produces another of his sardonic, witty, musical commentaries on our society. The latest is On Life and Death, set among the crowded tombstones of Trumpeldor Cemetery in the heart of Tel Aviv, where a teacher takes his 12th-grade students to make a point. You see, as well as ordinary folk, the cemetery shelters our country's greats, and when the living get shut in, the ghosts walk. The Habimah production opens tonight in Meskin Hall at 8:30. (Hebrew)

CIRCUS

HELEN KAYE

The Moscow Circus with great clown Oleg Popov, trapeze fliers and animal acts opens at Malha in Jerusalem today through Friday. Shows daily at 10 a.m. 4 and 7 p.m. Friday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Ligeti String Trio from France performs tonight at Ein Hashofet and Thursday at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv (8:30). The program includes trios by Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert and Françaix.

Music lovers can enjoy two different events tonight at the Tel Aviv Mnseum. At 6, Swedish trumpeter Hakan Hardenberger performs a recital with poet Jacques Werup. At 8:30, gnitarist/composer Reuben Seroussi begins a series of concent/talks on The Rise of Guitar.



Ronald Harwood gives a fine performance as Wilhelm Furtwängler in 'Taking Sides.' (Haramaty)

> The Ashdod Chamber Orchestra is on stage at the Einav Center in Tel Aviv tonight playing music by Holst, Schulhoff and Dvorak, under the baton of Rafi Primo (8:30).

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The Adventures of Asterix have long been the popular European response to American comics. annel 1 is screening a five-part series of animated Asterix films set in the year 50 BCE, featuring the Gaulish hero Asterix, his friend, Obelix, and the druid Getafix, brewer of the magic potion that gives the villagers superhuman strength and enables them to continue holding out against the Roman invaders. The first episode: Asterix versus Caesar, will be shown today at 3:30 p.m. And if you're booked, then you have to see a documentary on Asterix on Channel 8 on Thursday, at 10 p.m.

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash 6:31 New in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Time 7:00 Good Morning

E JORDAN TV ■ EDUCATIONAL (unconfirmed)

8:00 The Book of 8:30 Art Workshop 9:00 Reading 9:30 Health 9:45 Programs for the very young 10:15 French 10:30 Mathematics 10:40 Literature 11:15 Sciences 11:30 Science and chnology 12:00 Geography 12:30 Movie Magic 13:00 in the Heat of the Night 14:00 Surprise Train 14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:35 Quentin Quack

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(Hebrew, 1995) — documentary about the conflicts, both

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1:00 Israeli Jazz Marathon

7:00 Seeing Stars 7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpf) 8:00 Dallas (rpf) 9:00 Oprah Winfrey 9:45 Ricki Lake 21:15 Fact with Ilana Dayan 22:00 Gov Night 23:15 The X-Files 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:15 When Yael Met 00:00 News 00:05 The X-Files 00:18 Night Meeting with Kobi Meidan telenovella star Gabriel

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MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

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16:00 Hercules (rpt)

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(1994) — a woman discovers her new boss is actually the head of a british crime organization. With Kate Jackson 17:00 Eminent Domain (1991) (mt) 18:45 Huck and the King of Hearts (1993) - modern adventure based on Mark

Twain's Huckleberr Finn. Huck and his streetwise friend Jim go out in search of his grandfather 20:25 Murder on the Iditarod Trail (1996) -a mysterious murderer is killing off the contestants on a gru-eling Alaskan sled

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18:35 Saved by the 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 Sliders 20:50 Rio Lobo (1970) - happy-go-tucky Western has an former colonel out to settle old scores in a mining town. With

John Wayne and Jack Elam. 23:00 CNN 23:30 The 700 Club Shopping

■ ITV 3 (33)

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14:00 Little Flying Bears 14:30 Alice in 15:00 The Center of

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22:30 Boxing 23:00 Tennis: ATP Mercedes Super 9,

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PRIME SPORTS

6:30 English Cricket: B&H Cup (rpt) 13:30 Showjumping: Volvo World Cup

14:30 Trans World Sport

15:30 NBA Game of

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18:30 Motorcycling: Spanish Grand Prix

20:00 Golf: This is PGA Tour

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ESTAR PLUS

Box (US)

21:10 The Cosby Show 21:40 A Different World ■ SECOND

22:00 Une Histoire Invertée (French, 1990) – comic look at the lives of several eccentric types living in Montreal. With 20:30 VIP
21:00 Dateline
22:00 Major League
Baseball highlights
23:00 The Tonight
Show with Jay Leno
00:00 Late Night with
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1:00 is star Jean Lepointier and Louis Marlot. 23:30 Trois Couleurs: Rouge (French, 1994) - third part of Kieskwski's trilogy, A gentle fashion mode meets an embittered retired judge and enters his secret closed world. With Show with Jay Leno 3:00 Internight Irene Jacob, Juliette Binoche and Jean-

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Track: Liquid Cradle,

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RADIO

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Handet Excerpts from Giulio Cesare; viola op 7; Debussy: Noctumes; Bartok:

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INTERNATIONAL News throughout

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1:00 World View 2:30 Moneyline

W VOICE OF MUSIC

Haydn: String quartet in F op 77/2; Beethoven: Piano concerto no 1; Kodaly: Sonata for violin and Sonata for 2 pianos 12:00 Light Classica From Greek and From Greek and Roman Mythology. Works by Gluck,

13:00 Artists of the Week - I Fiamminghi Werthen, Works by Ysaye, Vieuxtemps Gossec and others 14:06 Folk music -traditional religious music from Corsica 15:00 Israeli CD – Pnina Saltzmen plays works by Paul Ben Haim, Mordechai 16:00 Preview of istaei he Jerusalem 1997 18:00 New CDs -Ockeghern: Mass; medieval sonos or medieval songs on love and death; John Harbison: Sonata no 1 for piano (1987); Bach: Cantata no 188; Schubert: Notturno for piano trio in E flat DA97

20:05 From The World's Concert Halls -works by Bach. (1)
The King's Violins.
Mass in G minor
BWV 235; Motet –
Kyrie BWV 233: Kyne BWV 233: Cantata BWV 191; Magnificat in D BWV 243. (2) Concerto for 2 pianos and orch; English Suite no 3 in G minor (Richter) 22:00 A Musical

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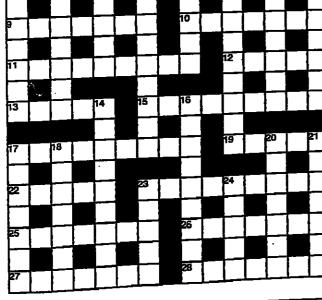
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31 Perfect (5)

32 Scatter (5)

30 Watching (7)

DOWN 8 Allude (5) 14 Loaned (4) 16 Operatic song (4)

21 Light, quick meal

23 Evergreen finit

tree (5) 24 Rule (5) 26 Cuban dance (5)

28 Din (5)

6 Wreath (7) 9 Gem (5)

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5 Rab out (5) 18 Attack with artillery (7) 20 Sincere (7)

2 Respond (5) 3 Cyclone (7)

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7 Carousal (5)

6 Two races in one (4-5)

7 Divulge secrets—through a breach of security? (4,3)

8 Passed on a message

concerning new delay (7)

14 Token of sincerity-and

17 Not a landing strip (4,3)

18 Now to get something for

20 Girl's name he spelt

21 Laughs at what could be

23 Get involved with an

24 Pick hat up and finally

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nervousness (9)

Christmas (7)

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desired (7)

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16 Old-timer (9)

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23 His attitude is deliberately

26 It's sweet, I notice, and

28 Observes the intrusion and

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2 Tree yielding a fir cone (7)

3 I ring up about the shrub

4 Princess, poet or chemist

5 Found tar melting on the

1 Beg for quarter in the wood

27 Examine after attack—expected

offensive (9)

25 Cut and run (7)

survive (7)

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Burg: Holocaust funds a justice issue

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The countries of Europe are "tainted" by the confiscation of Jewish property during the Holocaust that has not been returned, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg charged yesterday. He added that the campaign to obtain the money that belonged to Holocaust victims being kept in Swiss banks is not about the gold.

"It's not the money that interests us, but justice," he said. "Whoever killed should pay the bill, and whoever inherited the money should receive the accounts.

"If it's only one penny, it should come back to Jewish hands; and if it's a hundred billion, it should also come back to Jewish hands. It's not the money that is the core, but economic justice in the last chapter of those dark days of European mankind."

Speaking at a symposium at the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem on the restitution of Jewish assets, Burg also said he believes that plundered Jewish funds were used after the war to rehabilitate countries implicated in the murder of Jews.

One of the panelists was Prof. Jean-Francois Bergier, who was recently appointed by the Swiss government to head a commission of historians investigating Swiss policy and involvement during World War IL

Bergier said the work of his commission is mandated for five years, but that it could take 10 years to find out all the information.

Five years, he said, "is a long period of time, especially for those who are quite impatient. But I consider it a short time, if we really want to do in-depth research and to

fulfill the enormous mission entailed to us."

He commended Globes deputy editor Itamar Levin, who received a certificate and award of special merit from the Jewish Agency for exposing and documenting the fight over Jewish assets.

You deserve the prize, even though some of your statements weren't always that pleasant to our ears. However, we accept them as an opportunity for my country to find its identity once again, its real nature," Bergier told Levin.

This whole episode, he said, has made Swiss people start "to doubt its status, its past, its being." But he added that he does not believe that during the war, "Switzerland was more antisemitic than other surrounding countries. I think it's true that the Swiss were actually less antisemitic, and it was so because the Jewish population in Switzerland wasn't very large, and was quite well integrated.

Burg said that the Jewish people "does not have any fight with the Swiss people. We don't think that all Swiss are evil."

Nevertheless, he pointed out that in the agency archives are over 900 claims against toward Swiss banks and institutions over the years.

"Not one application received a positive response," he said. "Does that have any statistical probability, or is there something else? My answer is that there is something

Prof. Yehuda Bauer of the Hebrew University, a Holocaust expert, said the Swiss had turned back 30,000 Jews at their borders, but also that 28,000 had been saved in Switzerland, "and those Jews must thank the Swiss government."



Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg (left) shakes hands with Prof. Jean-Francois Bergier, who heads a commission of historians investigating Swiss policy during World War II, at yesterday's seminar on the restitution of Jewish assets. (Nissan Shorer)

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Judicial appointments on hold for now

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi late last night bowed to pressure and postponed a meeting of the committee for the appointment of judges scheduled to take place on May 13, the day before a High Court hearing on the Bar-On Affair.

The ministry spokesman said last night that Hanegbi had also acceded to a request from the Israel Bar Association to include 10 additional names as candidates for the vacant positions on the Supreme Court bench and in the magistrates' courts.

Earlier, Knesset Law Committee Chairman MK Shaul Yahalom delivered a letter to Supreme Court President Aharon Barak, requesting that he postpone the meeting. Yahalom said that, in his opinion, "the position of the justice minister [on appointments] could not be independent," since he would be sitting on the committee with three Supreme Court justices, who the

following day plan to hear petitions in which the minister is a party.

Yahalom also reiterated that the

committee had not complied with regulations to publish the names of candidates at least 21 days before meeting. Yahalom had earlier appealed to Hanegbi to postpone the

meeting, but the minister refused. Barak reportedly told Yahalom that he would take the objections into consideration, but also did not promise to postpone the meeting.

Meanwhile, one of the two ministers on the committee. Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy, has proposed three additional candidates for the vacant seat on the Supreme Court bench. They are Deputy Attorney-General Nahum Rackover, Hebrew University Law Faculty dean Prof. Brachiyahu Lifschitz, and Tel Aviv District

Court Judge Yosef Goldberg. The committee consists of three Supreme Court justices, two ministers, two MKs, and two Bar Association representatives.

Laufer to seek details of Tsur's state's witness deal

By RAINE MARCUS

The lawyers of private investigator Ze'ev Laufer, on trial in the media wiretapping case, are expected to ask the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office to lift the publication ban on details of state's witness Ya'acov Tsur's agreement with the prosecution, in an effort to reveal intermediaries in

During a cross-examination of Tsur in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday by Laufer's lawyers, Yisrael Tsur and Avraham Richtman, it was revealed that the former used the services of more than one intermediary when he decided to turn state's witness

carrying the death penalty sources said.

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CAIRO (Reuter) - Egypt's against Israeli textile worker

terday brought a new charge ing against Egypt, security

Azzam Azzam, on trial for spy-

against Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi and private investigators, including Laufer.

Laufer was paid \$600,000 by Ma'ariv, after receiving the necessary authorization from police and the district attorney, to give police evidence against the daily's rival, Yediot Aharonot.

Tsur is expected to give evidence against several defendants in the media wiretapping case, and began testifying against Laufer some two months ago.

Yesterday, the lawyers began their crossexamination, attempting to undermine Tsur's credibility and his motives for turning state's witness. Tsur received \$200,000 for his evidence, and testified that his main

Egypt files new charge against Azzam

reason was not the money, but that he felt

Previously only one intermediary between Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz and Tsur was mentioned - Rishpon businessman Aharon Ginzberg - but yesterday Tsur confirmed that other intermediaries were involved. The district attorney's representative said that a confidentiality clause is in effect and their names could not be published.

Under cross-examination, Tsur said he did not remember certain facts concerning the agreement, its contents, and details of the police team that investigated him. The trial continues tomorrow.

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH A ceremony commemorating the

vacuation of Yamit 15 years ago will take place tonight at the hesder yeshiva in Neveb Dekalim, in Gush Katif. "According to the Hebrew date it is 15 years since settlers were oust-

ed from Yamit," said yeshiva head Tzahi Weiss, one of the organizers of the ceremony. He noted that the yeshiva was uprooted from Yamit and rebuilt at Neveh Dekalim. Weiss said former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir was invited to

attend the ceremony as well as MKs, public figures, and settlers from Gush Katif.

Weiss said Shamir was invited, since at the time of the evacuation he was Knesset Speaker and voted against it. "He has always stood firmly according to his beliefs." he

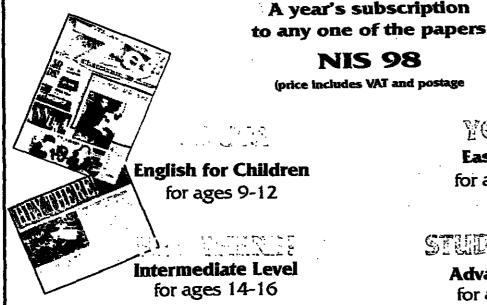
The importance of the ceremony. said Weiss, is to remind the public of the evacuation and also show the positive side of Gush Katif and the settlements. "New families are constantly being received in settlements in the area. Many yeshiva students apply to study here at the yeshiva," he said.

In addition, guests will been show footage of the evacuation and photographs will be on display.

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They said the new charge was that Azzam had made a criminal agreement with an Egyptian and two Israeli women to spy for the

His previous charge was that he assisted in economic espionage by giving women's underwear inscribed with invisible ink from Mossad to the Egyptian. It carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison with hard labor.

Azzam went on trial in Cairo with alleged Egyptian accom-plice Emad Abdel Hamid Ismail on April 24. Both men denied they had spied against Egypt. The trail is to resume on May

The other defendants in the

and Mona Ahmed Shawahna, who are not in Egypt. Like Azzam, they belong to Israel's Druse community.

The sources said Azzam's new charge was read to him in his prison cell. It said he had "made a criminal agreement" with the other three defendants to "carry out the crime of spying for Israel and that he presented a sum of money in return for this

espionage.' It was not clear to whom Azzam was accused of giving the money.

Prosecutors said at the trial that Greiss gave Ismail \$650 when he was recruited and Shawahna offered to pay him \$1,000 a month if he helped the

case are Zahra Youssef Greiss Cellcom recommends using

headsets to cut health risks

By JUDY SIEGEL

Cellcom advises those fearful of health damage from cellular phones to buy a headset that allows use while keeping the phone in one's bag or pocket.

Cellcom spokesman Ilan Bachar said it is interested in ensuring the health of subscribers, and only imports phones that meet the strictest standards in-the US and

"The company," he said, "also closely follows scientific research on cell phones around the world. "Until now, research studies have shown no danger to health. However, if anyone is still concerned about alleged health risks, they can distance themselves from the phone by using a personal speaker system, which costs NIS 230 for Eriksson models and NIS 299 for Nokia models," Bachar

He was commenting on The Jerusalem Post's report on Friday of what some experts called "the first serious piece of lab research" to link electromagnetic radiation from the use of cellular phones with cancer in mice.

The Post article, which was widely cited and caused concern in cellular phone companies, impelled Health Ministry officials to call health authorities in

Australia, Britain, and the US for be of little use. more details. The study, conducted by Dr. Michael Repacholi at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in South Australia, and published in Radiation Research, found that exposure to functioning cellular phones doubled the risk of lymphatic cancer in mice.

Dr. Alan Harris of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne said the research was important because at present, there was no convincing evidence that radio fields - in contrast to Xray and gamma rays, ultraviolet and atomic radiation - can directly cause the changes in genes responsible for cancer develop-

The only possible biological effect that cellular phone companies have admitted so far is localized body heating from continuous contact between the head and the phone. Health experts concerned about the findings argue that the 18-month experiment actually raises more questions about the potential for cell phone radiation's effects on people nearby (passive exposures) than the user himself. The experiment was conducted in the "far field," at distances greater from the mice than the cell phone is normally held from the head. If this is the case, a remote earphone speaker would

In close proximity, most of the energy transfers from the handset to the head by induction rather than just radiation. So the mice, which were further away from the antenna than phone users heads are, were exposed to much less localized energy than a human

brain or eye would experience. Near-field effects are thought to be substantially different from far field, although the biomedical implications are not clear. Other researchers have claimed that mice and humans absorb energy from these fields differently, thus it is impossible to conclude from a single study that humans are endangered by ceilular phone use. Those on both sides of the issue advocated additional research.

Commenting on the Royal Adelaide Hospital study, the Australian government issued a statement trying to allay fears of a link between cancer and cellular phone use. "Based on current knowledge, any risk attached to [their] use is minimal compared with the everyday risks faced from, for example, sunlight [meaning skin cancer] or driving our cars," the government spokesman said. "We don't know of any one person anywhere in the world who has died as a result of using a mobile phone."